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1 [There is no reportable action as a result of the
2 Board of Supervisors' closed session held today.]

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE MEETING IS GOING TO COME TO ORDER. THE
7 INVOCATION WILL BE BY REVEREND MARK HALLAHAN FROM THE ST.

8 PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN POMONA. THE PLEDGE BY FRANCIS R.

9 ORBIN, MEMBER OF POST NUMBER 2323, GRANADA HILLS, VETERANS OF

10 FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, FROM THE FIFTH

11 DISTRICT. WOULD YOU PLEASE STAND? REVEREND HALLAHAN?

12

13 **REV. MARK HALLAHAN:** LET US PRAY. GRACIOUS AND LOVING GOD, WE

14 CALL YOU BY MANY NAMES AND COME TO YOU BY MANY PATHS. AND YOU

15 HAVE BROUGHT US TOGETHER TO THIS TIME AND PLACE FOR A GOOD

16 PURPOSE. WE JOIN OUR VOICES IN PRAISING YOU FOR THE BEAUTY OF

17 OUR PART OF THE WORLD, FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR BELOVED COUNTY OF

18 LOS ANGELES, FOR ALL ITS CITIZENS AND COMMUNITIES AND

19 SERVICES, AND FOR ALL PEOPLE WHO LIVE, WORK, STUDY AND PLAY

20 HERE. MAY WE ALWAYS BE MINDFUL STEWARDS OF THE BLESSINGS WE

21 HAVE RECEIVED. AS WE COME TOGETHER FOR THIS MEETING OF THE

22 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WE THANK YOU, OH GOD, FOR THE GREAT

23 DIVERSITY HERE THAT THROUGHOUT OUR HISTORY HAS EMBODIED THE

24 PRINCIPLES AND IDEALS OF A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY. WE PRAY

25 ESPECIALLY FOR EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. WE



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1 GIVE THANKS FOR THEIR DEVOTION TO THIS PORTION OF YOUR
2 CREATION AS OUR SERVANTS. WE PRAY THAT AS THEY DELIBERATE,
3 THEY WILL EXHIBIT THE COURAGE OF THEIR CONVICTIONS, HUNGER FOR
4 THE TRUTH, HOLD A VISION OF COMPASSION AND JUSTICE FOR ALL OF
5 THEIR CONSTITUENTS AND PROVIDE US HOPE FOR THE FUTURE. AND AS
6 WE, YOUR FAITHFUL PEOPLE, LIVE, MOVE AND HAVE OUR BEING HERE,
7 MAY WE REMEMBER THAT THIS, OUR BELOVED CITY AND COUNTY ARE TOO
8 IMPORTANT FOR ANYTHING BUT HOPE, THAT THIS WORLD IS TOO
9 VULNERABLE FOR ANYTHING BUT PEACE, AND THAT YOUR CREATION IS
10 TOO PRECIOUS FOR ANYTHING BUT LOVE. AMEN.

11
12 **FRANCIS R. ORBIN:** PLEASE FACE THE FLAG AND JOIN ME IN THE
13 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

14
15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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17 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. IT'S MY HONOR THIS MORNING TO PRESENT
18 A CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION TO REVEREND MARK HALLAHAN.
19 REVEREND MARK HALLAHAN CURRENTLY LEADS A VERY DIVERSE AND
20 ACTIVE CONGREGATION AT ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN POMONA.
21 THE CHURCH RECENTLY PARTNERED WITH OPTIONS CHILDCARE IN THE
22 HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY, IN ORDER TO SERVE CHILDREN FROM
23 PRIMARILY LOW-INCOME FAMILIES THROUGHOUT THE POMONA AREA.
24 PRIOR TO JOINING ST. PAUL'S, REVEREND HALLAHAN WORKED WITH
25 HOMELESS AND IMMIGRANT FAMILIES IN SKID ROW AND WAS A MEMBER



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1 OF THE CATHOLIC WORKERS OF EAST LOS ANGELES. HE'S ALSO A
2 MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES EPISCOPAL DIOCESE STAFF, WHERE HE'S
3 COORDINATED HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF EFFORTS AND THE
4 AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS. WE WANT TO THANK HIM FOR LEADING
5 US IN OUR INVOCATION THIS MORNING. THANK YOU SO MUCH ALSO FOR
6 YOUR COMMUNITY SERVICE. WE APPRECIATE IT. CONGRATULATIONS AND
7 THANK YOU. MAY WE TAKE A PICTURE? [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ONCE AGAIN WE WANT TO THANK FRANCIS ORBIN FOR
10 COMING DOWN AND LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. HE'S
11 FROM THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AND MEMBER OF THE VETERANS OF
12 FOREIGN WARS POST NUMBER 2323, GRANADA HILLS. HE SERVED IN THE
13 UNITED STATES ARMY AS A SERGEANT IN THE GULF WAR. SO, FRANCIS,
14 THANK YOU FOR COMING. [APPLAUSE.]

15

16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
17 BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3, PRESENTATION
18 AND SET MATTERS. ON ITEM S-1 AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
19 AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
20 CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO MARCH 18TH, 2008 AT 11 A.M.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

23

24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT'S S-1. ON PAGE 4, AGENDA FOR THE
25 MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ON ITEM 1-D,



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1 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
2 ITEM. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5?

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.
5 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

6

7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 6 THROUGH 47.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY--

10

11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THERE IS A NUMBER OF ITEMS HERE. ON ITEM
12 NUMBER. 6, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, THE CHIEF
13 EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO
14 HIS OFFICE.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S ITEM 6, RIGHT?

17

18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 6.

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** REFERRED BACK. SO ORDERED.

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 9, THERE IS A REQUEST FROM A
23 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL HOLD THAT.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 11, THE CHIEF INFORMATION
3 OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MARCH
4 11TH, 2008.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED MARCH 11TH.

7

8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 12, THERE IS A REQUEST FROM
9 A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL HOLD THAT.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 13, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY
14 AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL HOLD THAT.

17

18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 14, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM
19 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER. 15,
20 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
21 ITEM. ON ITEM 16, IF I COULD JUST READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR
22 THE RECORD, THIS IS THE TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S
23 RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF
24 CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, TAX-
25 EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFINANCING CERTAIN



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1 FACILITIES OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE RETIREMENT HOUSING
2 FOUNDATION AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES, MAYFLOWER GARDENS HEALTH
3 FACILITIES INCORPORATED, AND MAYFLOWER R.H.F. HOUSING
4 INCORPORATED, AND RATIFY A TAX EQUITY AND FISCAL
5 RESPONSIBILITY ACT HEARING HELD BY THE TREASURER AND TAX
6 COLLECTOR. AND THAT WILL BE BEFORE THE BOARD IN JUST A MOMENT
7 WITH THE REMAINING CONSENT ITEMS. ON ITEM NUMBER 17, AS
8 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE PROPERTIES BEING
9 ACQUIRED BY THE CITY OF GLENDALE SHOULD STATE THE FIFTH
10 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, NOT THE FOURTH. ON ITEM NUMBER 21, AS
11 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
12 OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MARCH
13 11TH, 2008.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CONTINUED, WITHOUT OBJECTION.

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 22, AS INDICATED ON THE
18 POSTED AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS
19 ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MARCH 11TH, 2008. AND ALSO
20 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
21 ITEM.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL HOLD IT.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 23, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
2 OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MARCH
3 11TH, 2008. AND ALSO THERE IS A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE
4 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL HOLD THAT.

7

8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 24, SUPERVISOR BURKE
9 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 28, AS INDICATED
10 ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
11 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
12 PUBLIC WORKS.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

15

16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 28. ON ITEM NUMBER 30, THERE'S A REQUEST
17 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER.
18 31, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
19 ITEM NUMBER 32, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE
20 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED
21 BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

24



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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 34, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A
2 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND THE REMAINING
3 ITEMS-- EXCUSE ME. ON ITEM 45, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT
4 THIS ITEM BE HELD.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** I RELEASE MY HOLD.

7

8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YOU WILL RELEASE YOUR HOLD? OKAY. SO THE
9 REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA ARE BEFORE YOU.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY
12 ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 23. ORDINANCE FOR
15 INTRODUCTION. I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD.
16 THIS IS AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2 ADMINISTRATION OF THE
17 LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE RELATING TO THE SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS
18 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE.
21 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH
24 WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS
25 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM NUMBER 49 A,



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1 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
2 ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER. 49 B, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM THE MEMBER
3 OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. 49 C IS BEFORE YOU.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY BURKE, SECONDED BY MOLINA. WITHOUT
6 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

7

8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT COMPLETES THE AGENDA, BOARD OF
9 SUPERVISORS. SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT
10 NUMBER 3.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, DO YOU HAVE A
13 PRESENTATION? SUPERVISOR KNABE?

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
16 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TO-- AND SORT OF
17 SADNESS TO INVITE RON HOFFMAN UP HERE TO JOIN US. RON IS
18 RETIRING AS THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ADVANCE PLANNING DIVISION
19 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING AFTER 39 YEARS OF
20 SERVICE WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. RON BEGAN HIS CAREER
21 WITH THE DEPARTMENT AS A JUNIOR PLANNING ASSISTANT AND
22 ADVANCED THROUGH THE RANKS TO HIS PRESENT POSITION. OVER THE
23 LAST FIVE YEARS, HE HAS HELPED GUIDE THE COUNTY'S LONG-RANGE
24 PLANNING EFFORTS, INCLUDING UPDATES ON THE PLAN, ZONING CODE,
25 AIRPORT AND LAND USE PLANNING, COMMUNITY PLANNING FOR DIVERSE



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1 UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES. RON HAS A LONG ASSOCIATION WITH
2 THE FOURTH DISTRICT, HAVING BEEN A LONG TIME COASTAL PLANNER.
3 I KNOW THAT HE AND I SURELY REMEMBER BACK TO WHEN MALIBU WAS
4 PART OF THE FOURTH DISTRICT. HE ALSO LED THE EFFORT TO SECURE
5 THE COASTAL COMMISSION CERTIFICATION OF THE L.C.P. PROGRAM FOR
6 CATALINA ISLAND, SPENT MANY, MANY YEARS AS WELL WORKING ON THE
7 MARINA DEL REY COASTAL PLAN. I THINK IT'S FITTING THAT ONE OF
8 RON'S LAST PUBLIC APPEARANCES WAS REPRESENTING THE COUNTY AT
9 THAT WONDERFUL COASTAL COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING THAT WE HAD
10 OUT IN MARINA DEL REY, THE PERIODIC REVIEW. THEY REALLY
11 ENCOURAGED HIM THAT HE WAS REALLY GETTING EXCITED ABOUT
12 RETIREMENT. [LAUGHTER.] BUT ANYWAY, WE'RE REALLY SORRY TO SEE
13 RON GO. HE HAS A VERY LONG HISTORY WITH ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE
14 BOARD AND SO WELL-RESPECTED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT, WITHIN THE
15 COUNTY, WITH THOSE WHO HAVE HAD TO WORK WITH HIM, EITHER FROM
16 THE COUNTY FAMILY OR OUTSIDE THE COUNTY FAMILY. SO WE JUST
17 WISH RON A JOYFUL AND HAPPY AND LONG RETIREMENT, WISH HIM WELL
18 AND JUST KNOW THAT-- I KNOW I SPEAK FOR MYSELF AND PROBABLY MY
19 COLLEAGUES, AS WELL, THAT WELL WE'RE REALLY GOING TO MISS YOU
20 IN REGIONAL PLANNING. YOU'VE DONE A GREAT JOB. AND REALLY,
21 PROBABLY AS YOU LOOK BACK ON YOUR 39 YEARS, YOU'VE MADE AN
22 INCREDIBLE DIFFERENCE ON THE LANDSCAPE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
23 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

24

25 **SUP. KNABE:** WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY SOMETHING? IT'S ALL YOURS.



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1

RON HOFFMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND MEMBERS
OF THE BOARD. IT HAS BEEN MY PRIVILEGE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE
PLANNING DEPARTMENT FOR THESE MANY YEARS. IT WAS MY FIRST JOB
AFTER GRADUATING FROM U.C.L.A. BACK IN 1968. AND I'VE BEEN A
MEMBER OF THE COUNTY FAMILY FOR A LONG TIME. MY DAD WAS A
COUNTY EMPLOYEE. ACTUALLY, MY SON IS A COUNTY EMPLOYEE. SO THE
TRADITION IN OUR FAMILY WILL CONTINUE. I JUST WANT TO THANK
ESPECIALLY THE SUPPORT FROM THE BOARD OFFICES AND YOUR
PLANNING DEPUTIES AND YOUR FIELD DEPUTIES IN ALL THE COMMUNITY
PLANS AND PLANNING EFFORTS THAT WE'VE WORKED ON. IT'S BEEN
WONDERFUL, THE CARE AND THE CONCERN THAT THE SUPERVISORS AND
ALL THEIR DEPUTIES AND STAFF HAVE FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREA
AND THE COUNTY IN GENERAL. AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT WE HAVE
A REALLY FINE STAFF IN THE DEPARTMENT, A LARGE NUMBER OF YOUNG
PLANNERS THAT ARE GOING TO CARRY ON AND KEEP THE TRADITION OF
GOOD PLANNING GOING FOR THIS COUNTY. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

[APPLAUSE.]

19

SUP. BURKE, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR KNABE, I'LL DO STARS.

21

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: BEFORE YOU DO THAT, CAN I JUST SAY A WORD
ABOUT RON? ON BEHALF OF MY STAFF AND CONSTITUENTS ON THE WEST
END OF THE COUNTY, YOU'VE BEEN VERY INVOLVED IN SOME OF THE
MORE COMPLICATED AND TRAIL BLAZING COMMUNITY PLANS AND MASTER



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1 PLANS IN THE COUNTY. AND I KNOW THAT MY STAFF, ALL THE ONES
2 YOU WORK WITH APPRECIATE IT. I DO. AND ABOVE ALL OUR CITIZENS
3 OUT THERE DO. SO YOU'VE EARNED YOUR RETIREMENT JUST ON WHAT
4 YOU DID FOR US, NOT ANYBODY ELSE. SO WE APPRECIATE IT. THANKS,
5 RON. [APPLAUSE.]

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** BEFORE YOU GO DO THE L.A. STARS, BUT THERE'S A
8 NUMBER OF FOLKS HERE FROM REGIONAL PLANNING. I'M GOING TO ASK
9 THEM ALL TO STAND UP BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THEY LOVE THIS GUY.
10 SO THE REGIONAL PLANNING FOLKS THAT ARE OUT THERE--
11 [APPLAUSE.] THANK YOU. AND THEN I'LL WAIT.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S A PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE THE MARCH 2008
14 L.A. COUNTY STARS IN THE CATEGORY OF SERVICE EXCELLENCE.
15 PLEASE WELCOME WILLIE DOYLE FROM THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. IN
16 OCTOBER 2007, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AWOKE TO THE
17 DEVASTATING NEWS OF HIGH WINDS AND FIRESTORMS THROUGHOUT THE
18 COUNTY. FOUR OF THE FIVE CAMPS THAT MISS DOYLE MANAGES WERE
19 IMPACTED BY THE EXTREME FORCES OF NATURE THAT THREATENED HER
20 REGION IN PARTICULAR. MISS DOYLE IMMEDIATELY ASSESSED THE
21 SITUATION, EVALUATED THE AVAILABLE RESOURCES AND SUCCESSFULLY
22 COORDINATED THE EVALUATION OF OVER-- EVACUATION OF OVER 300
23 CHILDREN. CAMP SCOTT AND CAMP SCUTTER, THE CAMPS THAT HOUSE
24 OUR COUNTY'S FEMALE OFFENDERS, WERE DIRECTLY IN THE LINE OF
25 THE APPROACHING FIRE. SIMULTANEOUSLY, IT WAS LEARNED THAT



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1 APPROXIMATELY 200 MORE JUVENILES WERE WITHOUT POWER AND WERE
2 WITHIN A FIVE MILE RADIUS OF ANOTHER FIRESTORM. MISS DOYLE
3 ORDERED ALL JUVENILES AND STAFF TO BE EVACUATED AND
4 IMPLEMENTED A PACKING AND TRANSPORTATION OF MEDICAL, BEHAVIOR
5 AND COURT FILES TO A SECURE LOCATION. DURING THIS PROCESS, SHE
6 ARRANGED A COMMAND CENTER IN HER RESIDENCE, CONTACTED
7 CHALLENGER MEMORIAL YOUTH CENTER AND ARRANGED TEMPORARY
8 HOUSING FOR ALL THE AFFECTED MINORS. SHE ALSO ENSURED THAT
9 STAFF WAS DISPATCHED TO ASSIST IN THE EVACUATION FROM THE LAKE
10 HUGHES AREA. AT THE SAME TIME, MISS DOYLE WAS ABLE TO
11 COORDINATE THE EFFORTS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL VEHICLES AND
12 STAFF, BOTH CAMP MENDENHALL AND CAMP MUNTZ WERE SUCCESSFULLY
13 EVACUATED WITHOUT INCIDENT. MISS DOYLE IS CONSIDERED A
14 VISIONARY, AN IMPLEMENTER AND A MANAGER. FOR THESE 37 YEARS IT
15 WOULD HAVE BEEN A JOB, BUT FOR MISS DOYLE, THIS HAS TRULY BEEN
16 HER LIFE'S WORK. CONGRATULATIONS. 37 YEARS. BUT FOR DOING THAT
17 AND SAVING THOSE CHILDREN. [APPLAUSE.] CONGRATULATIONS. OUR
18 NEXT RECIPIENT IS FROM DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. EDWARD
19 ROJAS HAS WON OVER THE SUPPORT OF BOARD DEPUTIES, SHERIFF
20 DEPUTIES AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE COMMUNITY RESIDENTS IN HIS
21 RESPONSIVENESS TO DEALING WITH NUISANCE PROPERTIES. HE
22 ROUTINELY WORKS OVERTIME TO SPEAK AT LOCAL BLOCK GROUPS AND HE
23 SPEAKS TO MEETINGS, TO EDUCATE AND WORK WITH RESIDENTS IN
24 ELIMINATING CODE VIOLATIONS AND ILLEGAL LAND USE. DUE TO PAST
25 CONCERNS WITH PERSONAL SAFETY AND DIFFICULTIES WITH ABATING



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1 ZONING CODE VIOLATIONS IN THESE COMMUNITIES, WITH ABSENTEE
2 LANDLORDS, TURNOVER FOR THE ZONING ENFORCEMENT POSITION IN
3 THESE AREAS HAS BEEN HIGH AND NUISANCE CASES HAVE BEEN
4 DIFFICULT TO RESOLVE. HOWEVER, SINCE MR. ROJAS TOOK OVER,
5 RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE AREA IN 2005, HE HAS CLOSED 795
6 ENFORCEMENT CASES, SOME OF THEM GOING BACK AS FAR AS 1996.
7 HE'S FILED 23 ZONING ENFORCEMENT CASES WITH THE D.A.'S OFFICE,
8 FIVE WITH COUNTY COUNSEL. HE'S FOCUSED, MOTIVATED AND
9 PROFESSIONAL IN HIS CONDUCT AND HE SEEKS TO DO HIS BEST ON
10 BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY HE SERVES. I HAVE TO SAY THAT OUR
11 DISTRICT PARTICULARLY WANTS TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK.
12 SOMETIMES WE HAVE THESE PEOPLE WHO HAVE ALL KINDS OF PROBLEMS
13 IN TERMS OF ZONING VIOLATIONS AND HOUSES THAT ARE FILLED WITH
14 JUNK AND EVERYTHING ELSE. IT'S NOT A BEAUTIFUL JOB HE DOES,
15 BUT IT'S ONE THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY. THANK
16 YOU SO MUCH AND CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, IF I'M ABLE TO ADD CORRECTLY, WE HAD RON
19 HOFFMAN UP HERE. NOW IT'S MY HONOR TO ASK ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF
20 JOHN NIETO TO JOIN US, AS WELL, TOO. BETWEEN THE TWO OF THESE
21 INDIVIDUALS, WE HAVE 73 YEARS OF HISTORY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY
22 THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE LOSING. I THINK WE GOT MORE COMING UP
23 THERE, AS WELL, FROM OUR AUDITOR-CONTROLLER. BUT ASSISTANT
24 FIRE CHIEF JOHN NIETO AND HIS NUMBER ONE COMPANION DIEGO. ALL
25 RIGHT. RIGHT DOWN HERE, IS RETIRING AFTER 34 YEARS OF



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1 DEDICATED SERVICE TO OUR GREAT FIRE DEPARTMENT. CHIEF NIETO
2 GREW UP IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. HE GRADUATED FROM LA PUENTE
3 HIGH SCHOOL AND MOUNT SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE. THIS IS ONE OF THE
4 MANY REASONS HE ENJOYS WORKING WITH THE RESIDENTS AND
5 COMMUNITY LEADERS OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. HE HAS A VERY
6 GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF THE ISSUES AND CONCERNS OF THE
7 RESIDENTS. THE JOB OF ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF IS QUITE DEMANDING,
8 AS WE ALL KNOW BECAUSE WE WORK WITH THEM A LOT. HE IS
9 CURRENTLY THE CHIEF FOR DIVISION 8 WHERE HE SERVES THE CITIES
10 OF LA PUENTE, INDUSTRY, DIAMOND BAR, POMONA, WALNUT, AND
11 UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF BASSETT, VALINDA, HACIENDA HEIGHTS,
12 ROWLAND HEIGHTS, AVOCADO HEIGHTS AND NORTH WHITTIER. HE'S ALSO
13 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DAILY OPERATIONS OF THREE BATTALIONS,
14 WHICH CONSIST OF 20 FIRE STATIONS, 300 EMPLOYEES AND ONE OF
15 THE COUNTIES THREE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS' UNITS. HE HAS
16 EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND DISASTER
17 MANAGEMENT. AND HE HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH ALMOST EVERY
18 DISASTER OR MAJOR INCIDENT THAT HAS OCCURRED WITHIN THE
19 REGION. WITH SUCH A VERY BUSY SCHEDULE, HE FINDS IT MORE
20 IMPORTANT THAN EVER TO MAKE TIME FOR HIMSELF AND HIS FAMILY.
21 HE ENJOYS SPENDING TIME WITH HIS WIFE OF 36 YEARS, LETICIA,
22 THEIR TWO ADULT CHILDREN, DAUGHTER TISHA, AND SON FIDEL, WHO
23 IS ALSO A COUNTY FIREFIGHTER, AND AS I MENTIONED, GRANDSON
24 DIEGO. SO ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WE WANT TO
25 THANK ASSISTANT CHIEF NIETO FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO



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1 OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE CITIZENS OF
2 THIS GREAT COUNTY. I KNOW FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE OF HIS
3 INVOLVEMENT NOT ONLY WORKING WITHIN COMMUNITIES BUT DURING
4 TIMES OF EXCESSIVE NEEDS HERE IN THE COUNTY DURING THE VARIOUS
5 DISASTERS THAT WE FACED OVER THE LAST NUMBER OF YEARS. SO WE
6 APPRECIATE HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE. WE APPRECIATE THE FACT
7 THAT HE'S A GOOD SALESMAN AND GOT HIS SON INVOLVED TO CARRY ON
8 THE TRADITION OF THE NIETO FAMILY. AND DIEGO'S GOT A
9 SWEATSHIRT ON THAT HAS A FIRE TRUCK. SO I THINK HE'S ON HIS
10 WAY, AS WELL, TOO. SO WE JUST WANT TO THANK THE CHIEF AND WISH
11 HIM AND HIS FAMILY MANY YEARS OF HAPPY AND ENJOYABLE
12 RETIREMENT. GOD BLESS YOU, MY MAN. [APPLAUSE.]

13

14 **P. MICHAEL FREEMAN:** WELL, THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF
15 THE BOARD, FOR RECOGNIZING CHIEF NIETO. HE HAS BEEN A STRONG
16 LEADER FOR OUR DEPARTMENT AND HAS SERVED NOT ONLY THE COUNTY
17 BUT THE NATION WELL. HE IS AN ACCOMPLISHED INCIDENT COMMANDER
18 AND HAS SERVED ALL OVER SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND OTHER STATES,
19 AS WELL. AND SO WE JOIN ALL OF YOU AND REALLY THE CITIZENS OF
20 THIS GREAT COUNTY IN WISHING HIM THE VERY BEST FOR HIS 34
21 YEARS OF VISIONARY LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE FOR L.A. COUNTY FIRE
22 DEPARTMENT. SO, JOHN, TO YOU AND LETI AND ALL YOUR FAMILY,
23 BEST WISHES FOR A LONG AND WELL-DESERVED RETIREMENT.
24 [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **JOHN NIETO:** FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF
2 SUPERVISORS FOR ACKNOWLEDGING ME. FIRE CHIEF AND THE EXECUTIVE
3 STAFF FOR COMING OUT. MY PARENTS ARE IN THE AUDIENCE THERE, MY
4 MOM AND DAD, WHO IF IT WASN'T FOR THEM BACK IN THE EARLY '50S,
5 I WOULDN'T BE AROUND. THANKS A LOT, MOM AND DAD. [LAUGHTER.]
6 BORN AND RAISED HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. I LOVE THE EAST SAN
7 GABRIEL VALLEY. AND WHEN THE CHIEF PUT ME OUT THERE TO
8 COMMAND, I'VE BEEN IN CHARGE OF THE NORTHERN HALF, ALSO. SO
9 REALLY TAKING CARE OF THE WHOLE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY IS LIKE
10 HOME TO ME. MY WIFE AND MY FAMILY HERE HAD TO SUFFER WHEN I
11 HAD TO DO ALL THE DIFFERENT FIRES, BE IT GOING TO 9/11, BE IT
12 THE NORTHRIDGE EARTHQUAKE, WHERE I WAS IN CHARGE OF WATER.
13 WHATEVER THE INCIDENT WAS, I WAS ALWAYS OUT THERE. THE FAMILY
14 HAD TO SUFFER. BUT IT WAS GREAT EXPERIENCE FOR ME. I LOVED THE
15 JOB. THE L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN WONDERFUL TO ME.
16 AND I ENJOYED SERVING THE CITIZENS. AND I WANT TO THANK
17 EVERYBODY. AND I'M GOING TO ENJOY A FEW YEARS WITH MY WIFE
18 NOW. SHE'S NOW THE BOSS. WELL SHE'S ALWAYS BEEN THE BOSS.
19 SHE'S ALWAYS BEEN THE BOSS; WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE? THANK YOU
20 VERY MUCH. AND THANKS AGAIN. BYE-BYE. [APPLAUSE.]

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22 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, THOSE ARE MY PRESENTATIONS, THANK
23 YOU.

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25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WITH US TODAY IS THE CHIEF DEPUTY FOR THE
3 WEIGHTS AND MEASURES DEPARTMENT, RICHARD IZUKA WHO IS HERE AS
4 WE OBSERVE MARCH 1ST THROUGH THE 7TH BY STATE AND LOCAL
5 JURISDICTIONS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES, "WEIGHTS AND
6 MEASURES WEEK" WHICH IS IN RECOGNITION THE FIRST LAW THAT WAS
7 PASSED BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS IN 1799, MARCH 2ND. THE
8 COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, AGRICULTURAL
9 COMMISSIONER, HAS CHOSEN THE THEME FOR THE COUNTY'S
10 OBSERVANCE, "WEIGHTS AND MEASURES: BALANCING THE MARKETPLACE."
11 AS YOU KNOW, THERE ARE MANY ROUTINELY UNDERCOVER INSPECTIONS
12 THAT THE DEPARTMENT DOES AT ALL OF OUR VARIOUS RETAIL CENTERS
13 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. THE INSPECTIONS HAVE UNCOVERED AND
14 CORRECTED PROBLEMS, FORTIFYING THE INTEGRITY OF THE SALES
15 PROCESS AND ENHANCING THE CONSUMER AWARENESS. SO AS WE
16 PROCLAIM MARCH 1ST THROUGH 7TH AS WEIGHTS AND MEASURES WEEK,
17 RICHARD, LET ME GIVE THIS TO YOU ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD.
18 [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **RICHARD IZUKA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, AND
21 THE REST OF THE BOARD FOR THIS PROCLAMATION. THIS WEEK IS
22 DESIGNATED TO HELP THE PUBLIC UNDERSTAND WHAT WEIGHTS AND
23 MEASURES IS ALL ABOUT. I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT MY BOSS, CURT
24 FLOREN, WAS UNABLE TO MAKE IT TODAY. HE WOULD HAVE LIKED TO
25 RECEIVE THE PROCLAMATION HIMSELF, BUT HE'S IN WASHINGTON, D.C.



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1 TRYING TO SECURE MORE FUNDS FOR US ON HIGH RISK TEST
2 EXCLUSION. CURRENTLY WE HAVE 50 INSPECTORS IN THE FIELD THAT
3 ARE ENFORCING WEIGHTS AND MEASURES LAWS SO THAT THE CITIZENS
4 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY CAN EXPECT FAIR AND EQUITABLE DEALINGS
5 IN ANY TRANSACTIONS THAT INVOLVE WEIGHING, MEASURING OR
6 SCANNING DEVICES. AGAIN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR.
7 [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO ONCE AGAIN PRESENT TO
10 OUR RETIRING AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, TYLER MCCAULEY, AND HIS WIFE
11 PAT IS HERE JOINING US HERE TODAY, THIS PROCLAMATION AND
12 RECOGNITION OF HIS SERVICE. I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF ATTENDING
13 HIS RETIREMENT DINNER LAST WEEK AT THE EQUESTRIAN CENTER. AND
14 WE WERE RECOGNIZING HIM THERE AS WE ARE TODAY FOR HIS 37 YEARS
15 OF EXPERIENCE WITH THE COUNTY AND SERVICE IN LOS ANGELES
16 COUNTY WHICH BEGAN IN DECEMBER OF 1970. ON MAY 30TH, 2000, THE
17 BOARD APPOINTED HIM TO THE POSITION OF AUDITOR-CONTROLLER AND
18 WITH HIS EXTENSIVE BACKGROUND IN ACCOUNTING, AND AUDITING AND
19 MONITORING, COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, CONTRACTORS AND OUR NONPROFIT
20 AGENCIES, HE'S BEEN VERY INSTRUMENTAL IN OUR REFORM EFFORTS TO
21 ENSURE THAT THE TAXPAYERS ARE PROTECTED FROM FRAUD AND WASTE
22 AND THAT COUNTY DEPARTMENTS ARE EFFECTIVELY OPERATING
23 EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY. A RESPECTED MEMBER OF THE COUNTY
24 TEAM, WE HAVE APPRECIATED HIS INSIGHT, HIS VISION AND HIS
25 LEADERSHIP. HE AND HIS WIFE HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR NEARLY NOW



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1 40 YEARS. THEY HAVE THREE DAUGHTERS AND SIX GRANDCHILDREN AND
2 RESIDES IN BEAUTIFUL DOWNTOWN BURBANK. NO MORE JOHNNY CARSON.
3 [LAUGHTER.] ANYWAY, TYLER, THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND
4 SERVICE AND CONGRATULATIONS. [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, BEFORE TYLER SPEAKS, CAN WE
7 ALL HAVE A SHOT AT HIM HERE? HE CAN GET THE LAST WORD. I DON'T
8 THINK MOST OF THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, AND MAYBE EVEN NOT
9 MOST COUNTY EMPLOYEES, APPRECIATE THE ROLE THAT THE AUDITOR-
10 CONTROLLER PAYS IN THIS ORGANIZATION. BUT I THINK ONE OF THE
11 GREAT SUCCESS STORIES IN THIS COUNTY IN TERMS OF ITS
12 ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNANCE THAT I'VE NOTICED SINCE THE DAY I
13 GOT HERE WAS THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, THE GREAT
14 INTEGRITY IT HAS. THEY CALL THEM AS THEY SEE THEM. WE ALL RELY
15 ON THEM TO ANALYZE THE MOST DIVERSE ARRAY OF COMPLEX ISSUES
16 THAT AFFECT DEPARTMENTS IN OUR COUNTY. AND WE DEPEND ON THEM
17 TO GIVE US THE TRUTH, THE FACTS, INVESTIGATIONS, AUDITS,
18 ANALYSES AND THE LIKE. AND WE DON'T ALWAYS GET THE ANSWER THAT
19 WE THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO GET OR THAT WE WANT TO GET, BUT WE
20 KNOW WE ALWAYS GET THE BEST ANSWER AND THE RIGHT ANSWER FROM
21 THIS ORGANIZATION. I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF WORKING WITH AL
22 SASAKI WHEN I FIRST GOT HERE, AND I THOUGHT THE WORLD HAD COME
23 TO AN END WHEN HE RETIRED. AND THEN TYLER MCCAULEY CAME AND
24 STEPPED IN. AND HE'S BEEN EVERY BIT AS HONEST AND AGGRESSIVE
25 AN AUDITOR-CONTROLLER AS I WOULD HAVE EXPECTED. SO YOU'RE



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1 GOING TO BE MISSED, TYLER, BY THE FIVE OF US, I KNOW, AND BY
2 THE ENTIRE COUNTY FAMILY. AND ABOVE ALL BY THE TAXPAYERS AND
3 RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WHO HAVE BENEFITED FROM YOU
4 AND YOUR STAFF'S PROFESSIONALISM OVER THESE MANY YEARS. WE
5 REALLY WISH YOU WELL.

6

7 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** YES, SIR. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, I WANT TO THROW MY TWO CENTS IN AS
10 WELL TOO.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, SUPERVISOR KNABE.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** AGAIN, AS ZEV MENTIONED, I DON'T THINK MANY OF THE
15 PUBLIC REALIZES WHAT THIS DEPARTMENT DOES AND THE HISTORY OF
16 THE DEPARTMENT AND THE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS THAT LITERALLY HAVE
17 BEEN SAVED FOR THE TAXPAYERS BY TYLER AND HIS STAFF AND HIS
18 PREVIOUS AUDITOR-CONTROLLERS. THEY JUST DO A GREAT JOB FOR THE
19 CITIZENS OF THIS GREAT COUNTY, A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE. AND IT'S
20 ALWAYS NICE TO BE ABLE TO HAVE THAT SAFETY NET. AND WHEN YOU
21 DO HAVE AN ISSUE, AND YOU REALLY WANT TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF
22 AN ISSUE, THAT YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO SEND IT TO A DEPARTMENT
23 THAT YOU HAVE TOTAL TRUST IN. SO, TYLER, CONGRATULATIONS. WE
24 WISH YOU MANY YEARS OF HEALTHY AND HAPPY RETIREMENT.

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1 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

2

3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN SAYING OF COURSE YOU DO
4 A MARVELOUS JOB. BUT I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF THE
5 PEOPLE IN OUR DISTRICT. WE HAVE A LOT OF EVENTS, WHETHER IT'S
6 BLACK HISTORY OR MANY OF THE OTHER EVENTS, AND YOU HAVE BEEN
7 SO WONDERFUL TO COME OUT AND GIVEN ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE PEOPLE
8 IN THE DISTRICT, TO GIVE ENCOURAGEMENT TO THOSE THAT ARE BEING
9 HONORED. I WANT TO SAY HOW MUCH I APPRECIATE IT. I THINK
10 YOU'VE BEEN OUT TO THAT HOSPITAL I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY TIMES
11 BECAUSE YOU GO OUT THERE TO KIND OF GIVE THEM A BOOST AND KNOW
12 THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE REALLY INTERESTED, EVEN THOUGH
13 THEY MAY NOT BE OVER THEIR DEPARTMENT. SO I WANT TO SAY OF
14 COURSE YOU'VE DONE A MARVELOUS JOB, BUT I WANT TO ALSO SAY
15 THAT YOU DID A CARING JOB. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

16

17 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WELL, THANK YOU FOR
18 YOUR VERY GRACIOUS AND KIND COMMENTS. I WOULD LIKE TO
19 INTRODUCE AGAIN MY WIFE PAT. PAT AND I HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR
20 40 YEARS. SHE'S BEEN AT MY SIDE DURING MY ENTIRE COUNTY
21 CAREER. SOMETIMES I NEEDED HER. SOMETIMES SHE WAS A SOUNDING
22 BOARD WHEN THINGS GOT TOUGH. I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE HER. I'VE
23 ALWAYS BEEN EXCITED ABOUT THE JOB I HAD IN THE COUNTY. AND I
24 FELT THAT THE JOB WAS IMPORTANT AND SERVED THE CITIZENS WELL
25 FOR THIS COUNTY AND I WORKED MY HARDEST TO DO THAT. I'D LIKE



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1 TO THANK THE BOARD FOR THEIR SUPPORT, IN THIS ALMOST EIGHT
2 YEARS THAT I WAS AUDITOR-CONTROLLER. YOU'VE BEEN VERY HELPFUL
3 AND I'VE BEEN DELIGHTED TO SERVE YOU. ALSO I AM DELIGHTED TO
4 SERVE WITH THE VERY CAPABLE BOARD DEPUTIES AND WITH THE
5 DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OTHER COUNTY MANAGERS. IT HAS JUST BEEN A
6 REAL EXCITING TIME. THEY HAVE BECOME FRIENDS OVER THE YEARS.
7 AND I APPRECIATE SO MUCH AND I'LL MISS THEM. OBVIOUSLY THE
8 ONES I WILL MISS THE MOST ARE MEMBERS OF THE AUDITOR-
9 CONTROLLER. I HAVE WORKED WITH MANY OF THOSE STAFF FOR 20 TO
10 30 YEARS. THEY'RE VERY CAPABLE AND A COMMITTED GROUP OF MEN
11 AND WOMEN. AND FRANKLY IT'S HARD TO KEEP PACE WITH THEM
12 THEY'RE SO GOOD AT WHAT THEY DO. AND I'M VERY PLEASED TO BE
13 ABLE TO TELL YOU, BOARD, THAT THE MANAGEMENT TEAM OF THE
14 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER IS VERY STRONG AND EXPERIENCED AND VERY
15 WELL-LED. AND YOU WILL HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO EXPECT THAT THEY
16 WILL HAVE THE LEVEL OF COMPETENCE THAT YOU HAVE EXPECTED FOR
17 THIS DEPARTMENT IN THE FUTURE. WHEN I CAME TO WORK FOR THE
18 COUNTY 37 YEARS AGO, I WANTED TO DO MY BEST AND I WANTED TO
19 MAKE A DIFFERENCE. AND I ALSO WANTED TO HAVE A LEGACY OF
20 HONESTY AND INTEGRITY FOR MYSELF AND FOR MY DEPARTMENT. AND
21 THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND REMARKS BECAUSE THEY SEEM TO HAVE
22 CONFIRMED THAT I WAS ABLE TO ACHIEVE THAT WITH THIS
23 DEPARTMENT. AND I'M VERY PROUD OF THAT ACCOMPLISHMENT. SO
24 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IT'S BEEN A WONDERFUL CAREER OF WORKING



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1 FOR YOU AND WORKING FOR THIS COUNTY AND FOR THE TAXPAYERS.

2 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE A LITTLE GIRL. SHE'S EIGHT WEEKS
5 OLD. HER NAME IS LOLLIE, IF YOU WANT TO ADOPT HER, CALL. MAYBE
6 SHE'D LIKE GO WITH TYLER TO BURBANK, WHO KNOWS? LOLLIE, THIS
7 LITTLE TERRIER, COMES WITH A LITTLE RED BOW. SHE'S LOOKING FOR
8 A HOME. SHE'S VERY CUTE. VERY SWEET. SHE LIKES AUDITORS.

9 [LAUGHTER.] SHE'D BE VERY PATIENT AS YOU AUDIT. WOULD NOT BE
10 BARKING. SO ANYWAY, THIS LITTLE LOLLIE IS LOOKING FOR A HOME.
11 YOU'RE SUCH A CUTE LITTLE GIRL.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, YOU'RE UP FIRST.
14 THAT CONCLUDES THE PRESENTATIONS. DOES SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAVE
15 ANY PRESENTATIONS?

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE HAVE A JOINT PRESENTATION.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I HAVE ONE, YES. I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD
20 C.B.S. 2 AND K.C.A.L. 9 REPRESENTATIVES, STEPHANIE RODRIGUEZ,
21 KENT SHOCKNEK AND JOSH RUBENSTEIN AND C.E.O. OFFICE OF
22 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIVES JOYCE HARRIS, PUBLIC
23 INFORMATION OFFICER AND KEITH HARRISON, ASSISTANT
24 ADMINISTRATOR. ARE WE DOING THIS TOGETHER? NO. C.B.S. 2 THE
25 AND K.C.A.L. 9 TELEVISION STATIONS DESIGNED AND DEVELOP MOCK



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1 NEWSCASTS FOR USE DURING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY OPERATIONAL
2 AREA'S ANNUAL EXERCISE "OPERATION HIGHER GROUND" WHICH WAS
3 RECENTLY HELD LAST MONTH. C.B.S. 2 AND K.C.A.L. 9 DONATED
4 THEIR STAFF, TIME AND RESOURCES FOR THE DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT
5 AND PRODUCTION OF THESE NEWSCASTS. THESE NEWSCASTS WERE
6 EXTREMELY IMPORTANT AND BENEFICIAL IN CREATING A REALISTIC
7 ENVIRONMENT FOR THE OPERATION HIGHER GROUND EXERCISE
8 PARTICIPANTS. ALL PARTICIPANTS WERE ABLE TO RESPOND
9 EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY TO THE EXERCISE SCENARIO. IT'S
10 WITH GREAT HONOR THAT I PRESENT THESE SCROLLS TO C.B.S. 2,
11 K.C.A.L. 9 FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND
12 FOR THEIR HISTORY OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND DEDICATED COMMUNITY
13 SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND SOUTHERN
14 CALIFORNIA. [APPLAUSE.]

15

16 **KENT SHOCKNEK:** WELL, MADAME SUPERVISOR, AND BOARD MEMBERS, ON
17 BEHALF OF JOSH RUBENSTEIN IN FRONT OF THE CAMERA AND ALL OF
18 OUR C.B.S. 2 AND K.C.A.L. STAFFERS BEHIND THE CAMERA, WE WANT
19 TO TELL YOU THAT OUR STATIONS WERE PLEASED AND PRIVILEGED TO
20 HAVE BEEN A PART OF PUTTING TOGETHER THIS INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEO
21 FOR DISASTER PREPAREDNESS. WE APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO
22 HAVE WORKED WITH THE COUNTY. WE APPRECIATE THE COUNTY'S
23 EFFORTS FROM THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IN KEEPING THE
24 RESIDENTS HERE SAFE. WE HOPE THAT THESE ARE PLANS THAT NEVER
25 NEED TO BE PUT INTO PRACTICE. BUT WE ARE HONORED TO BE A PART



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1 OF YOUR PLAN. AND WE THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE AND WE
2 LOOK FORWARD TO A LONG AND CONTINUED RELATIONSHIP.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR AND THE BOARD. THANK YOU,
7 SUPERVISOR AND THE BOARD FOR THIS SCROLL FOR OUR PARTNERS HERE
8 IN K.C.A.L. AND C.B.S. 2. THIS IS THE LATEST EXAMPLE OF THE
9 SUPPORT THESE CHANNELS HAVE GIVEN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND
10 PREPAREDNESS FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. NOT ONLY FOR THE
11 EMERGENCY SURVIVAL PROGRAM BUT ALSO ADDING REALISM TO OUR
12 EXERCISE AND REALLY HELPED US GET PEOPLE'S ATTENTION WHEN THEY
13 RESPONDED TO THE EXERCISE. AND IT'S A PERFECT EXAMPLE WHAT
14 HAPPENS WHEN THE PUBLIC SECTOR AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR
15 COOPERATE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NOW HERE'S THE ONE SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
20 AND I JOIN TOGETHER. I THINK HE'S GOING TO SAY A WORD FIRST.
21 I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD LOS ANGELES UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL
22 REPRESENTATIVES DR. GARY MANIFICIO. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, ARE
23 YOU GOING TO START THIS OFF OR SHOULD I START IT? OKAY. LOS
24 ANGELES UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL IS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION
25 DEDICATED TO OFFERING AN AFFORDABLE AND QUALITY PRESCHOOL



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1 EXPERIENCE TO EVERY FOUR YEAR OLD IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THEY
2 WORK WITH MORE THAN 300 PRESCHOOL PROVIDERS IN THEIR NETWORK
3 YEAR ROUND TO CONTINUOUSLY IMPROVE AND PROVIDE AN OPTIMAL
4 LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR THE CHILDREN THEY SERVE. THE
5 CALIFORNIA COUNCIL FOR EXCELLENCE RECENTLY HONORED LOS ANGELES
6 UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL WITH ITS ANNUAL EUREKA AWARD FOR
7 PERFORMANCE EXCELLENCE. THIS AWARD HONORS FOR PROFIT AND
8 NONPROFIT AGENCIES FOR CONTINUALLY IMPROVING THEIR DELIVERY OF
9 PRODUCTS AND/OR SERVICES FOR CONTINUED SATISFACTION TO
10 CUSTOMERS AND STAKEHOLDERS. IT IS WITH GREAT HONOR THAT I
11 PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO LOS ANGELES UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL ON THE
12 VERY SPECIAL OCCASION OF RECEIVING THE EUREKA AWARD FOR
13 PERFORMANCE EXCELLENCE BY THE CALIFORNIA COUNCIL FOR
14 EXCELLENCE, C.C.E. [APPLAUSE.]

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME AN ALL SO JOIN IN WITH DR. GARY
17 MANIFICIO, WHO IS THE L.A.U.P. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AS WE
18 CONGRATULATE THEM FOR RECEIVING THE PRESTIGIOUS BRONZE AWARD
19 FROM THE CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF EXCELLENCE. NOW THIS IS THE
20 AWARD WHICH EMULATES THE NATIONAL MALCOLM BALDRIDGE NATIONAL
21 QUALITY PROGRAM, RECOGNIZING ORGANIZATIONS THAT DEMONSTRATE
22 SUPERIOR PERFORMANCES IN SEVEN KEY AREAS: LEADERSHIP,
23 STRATEGIC PLANNING, CUSTOMER AND MARKET FOCUS, MEASUREMENT AND
24 KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT, HUMAN RESOURCES, PROCESS MANAGEMENT,
25 BUSINESS RESULTS. AND THIS COMES AFTER ONLY JUST THREE YEARS



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1 AFTER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF L.A.U.P., WHICH IS A TESTAMENT TO
2 ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO PROVIDE PRESCHOOL
3 EDUCATION TO OUR FOUR YEAR OLDS TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
4 AS ONE WHO HAS TWO YOUNG CHILDREN, I KNOW THE VALUE OF GOOD
5 EDUCATION AND GOOD ROLE MODELS. I DON'T HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY,
6 WHEN I WAS A CHILD, OUR PARENTS LEFT US IN THE YARD TO PLAY
7 WITH WHATEVER THE DOGS LEFT BEHIND, BUT THEN THEY KEPT US IN
8 THE SANDBOX IN SCHOOL IN KINDERGARTEN AS YOU KNOW. AND THEN WE
9 SAW WHAT THE CATS DID. SO BY CONTRAST, MY OWN CHILDREN HAVE
10 ENTERED KINDERGARTEN WITH COMPUTER SKILLS, A COMMAND OF
11 COLORS, LETTER AND SHAPES, AND THEIR EXPERIENCE IN PRESCHOOL
12 HELPED JUMP START THEM INTO THEIR FIRST AND SECOND GRADE.
13 PROGRAMS LIKE FIRST L.A., AND L.A. UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL ATTEMPT
14 TO SPREAD SUCH OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL CHILDREN IN THE COUNTY
15 AND MAKE IT AFFORDABLE FOR EVERYONE. SO CONGRATULATIONS ON
16 YOUR AWARD. [APPLAUSE.]

17

18 **GARY MANIFICIO:** WELL, WE WANT TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
19 SUPERVISOR BURKE AND ANTONOVICH AND TO ALL THE BOARD OF
20 SUPERVISORS FOR THIS HONOR. IT RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF
21 SERVING CHILDREN AND THE VALUE OF PRESCHOOL, REGARDLESS OF
22 WHERE CHILDREN ARE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OR THEIR FAMILY'S
23 ECONOMIC STATUS. I WANT TO THANK MY STAFF AT L.A.U.P. WHO HAVE
24 WORKED EXTREMELY HARD IN MAKING THIS HAPPEN, SOME OF WHOM ARE
25 HERE SO I'D LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEM IF THEY WOULD STAND TO BE



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1 RECOGNIZED. [APPLAUSE.] I ALSO HAVE UP HERE WITH ME DR. DAPHNE
2 DAPORIS, WHO IS OUR DIRECTOR OF ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WHO
3 REALLY LED US THROUGH THIS CHARGE TO WIN THE CAPE AWARD. AND
4 DR. DARLENE ROBLES, L.A.C.O.E. SUPERINTENDENT WHO SITS ON OUR
5 BOARD OF DIRECTORS. SALLY ARIALA, MARIA VELOS, TWO OF OUR
6 SENIOR STAFF, ALL OF WHOSE LEADERSHIP WAS REALLY SIGNIFICANT
7 IN MAKING THIS HAPPEN FOR US. WE WANT TO THANK FIRST FIVE LOS
8 ANGELES, AS WELL, FOR THEIR SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT AND THE
9 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE FORESIGHT TO CREATE LOS ANGELES
10 UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL. WE'RE VERY EXCITED TO HAVE WON THIS
11 AWARD, ESPECIALLY AFTER SUCH A SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME AND TRUST
12 THAT IT AFFIRMS THAT DECISION AND THE IMPORTANCE OF PROVIDING
13 PRESCHOOL IN AN EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE MANNER. BUT TODAY WE
14 WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR RECOGNITION. WE LOOK FORWARD TO
15 CONTINUING SERVING THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OF LOS ANGELES.
16 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND
19 L.A.U.P. WAS SOMETHING THAT THE COMMISSION CREATED. IT'S NOT
20 SOMETHING THAT CAME FROM AFAR, SO WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU.
21 [APPLAUSE.] I'D LIKE TO NOW CALL FORWARD THE NATIONAL
22 DIETICIANS DAY REPRESENTATIVE, JOYCE NAKASHIMA. AND I THINK I
23 SEE DR. FIELDING OVER THERE, TOO. REGISTERED DIETICIANS ARE
24 THE FOOD AND NUTRITION EXPERTS WHO CAN TRANSLATE THE SCIENCE
25 OF NUTRITION INTO PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS FOR HEALTHY LIVING. THEY



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1 USE THEIR NUTRITION EXPERTISE TO HELP INDIVIDUALS MAKE UNIQUE
2 AND POSITIVE LIFESTYLE CHANGES. THEY WORK THROUGHOUT OUR
3 COMMUNITIES IN HOSPITALS, SCHOOLS, PUBLIC HEALTH CLINICS AND
4 NURSING HOMES, JUST TO NAME A FEW OF THE MANY LOCATIONS.
5 DIETICIANS ARE ADVOCATES FOR ADVANCING THE NUTRITIONAL STATUS
6 OF ALL AMERICANS. IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I PRESENT
7 THIS SCROLL TODAY AS WE PROCLAIM MARCH 10TH, 2008, AS NATIONAL
8 DIETICIANS DAY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, TO
9 INCREASE THE AWARENESS OF REGISTERED DIETICIANS AND THEIR
10 CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO HELPING PEOPLE ENJOY HEALTHY LIVES.
11 [APPLAUSE.] DR. FIELDING, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY A WORD FIRST?
12 WHY DON'T YOU SPEAK FIRST.

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14 **JOYCE NAKASHIMA::** HELLO. ON BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES DIETETIC
15 ASSOCIATION, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF
16 SUPERVISORS FOR PROCLAIMING MARCH AS NATIONAL REGISTERED
17 DIETICIAN DAY. MARCH IS ALSO A NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH. WE
18 HOPE THAT EVERYONE WILL MAKE POSITIVE CHANGES WHEN CHOOSING TO
19 EAT, BECAUSE WE ALL KNOW HOW WE EAT NOW WILL AFFECT OUR HEALTH
20 LATER IN LIFE. I'M HERE TODAY WITH MY COLLEAGUES AND I WANTED
21 TO ACKNOWLEDGE BRIDGET HARVEY ELLIOTT WHO IS THE ADMINISTRATOR
22 FOR THE CALIFORNIA DIETETIC ASSOCIATION. AND MY COLLEAGUES,
23 SHANNON, NICOLA, AND JENNIFER, WHO WITH ME SERVE ON THE BOARD
24 OF THE L.A. DIETETIC ASSOCIATION. THANK YOU AGAIN, AND WE WILL



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1 CONTINUE TO PROMOTE HEALTHY EATING AND EXERCISE THROUGH OUR
2 WORK IN THE COMMUNITY, HOSPITALS AND IN SCHOOLS.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DR. FIELDING?

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6 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** NEVER WAS THERE A TIME WHEN WE NEED THE
7 HELP OF DIETICIANS MORE. IF YOU LOOK AT THE MAJOR KILLERS AND
8 THE MAJOR CHRONIC DISEASES, A COMMON DENOMINATOR OR THE RISK
9 FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH POOR NUTRITION. WE FACE AN
10 UNPRECEDENTED EPIDEMIC OF OVERWEIGHT AND OBESITY,
11 UNPRECEDENTED INCREASE IN DIABETES. AND IF WE DON'T DO
12 SOMETHING TO REVERSE THIS, WE'RE GOING TO WIND UP WITH OUR
13 CHILDREN LIVING SHORTER THAN WE WILL FOR THE FIRST TIME IN
14 HUNDREDS OF YEARS. SO THE ADVICE, THE EXPERTISE OF DIETICIANS
15 HAS NEVER BEEN MORE IMPORTANT. AND IT'S PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT
16 IN THE FIRST FEW YEARS OF LIFE TO HELP FAMILIES GET OFF ON THE
17 RIGHT TRACK. SO IT RELATES TO THE EXERCISE THAT WE JUST HAD,
18 THE RECOGNITION OF L.A.U.P., THE WORK OF FIRST FIVE
19 COMMISSION, BUT NUTRITION IS CRITICAL THROUGHOUT THE LIFE
20 COURSE. AND WE KNOW THAT WHAT HAPPENS IN EARLY NUTRITION
21 AFFECTS THE LIKELIHOOD OF HAVING A SERIOUS DISEASE LATER ON.
22 SO NEVER HAS THERE BEEN A MORE IMPORTANT DAY FOR NUTRITION.
23 AND WE REALLY NEED TO RECOGNIZE AND THANK THE DIETICIANS FOR
24 THE EXCELLENT WORK THAT THEY DO IN INSTITUTIONS AND IN OUR
25 COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATIONS. SUPERVISOR
3 MOLINA I DON'T THINK HAD A PRESENTATION TO MAKE. SO WE'LL GO
4 BACK TO THE THIRD DISTRICT. I TRIED TO CALL ON YOU TWICE FOR
5 YOUR ADJOURNMENTS.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENTS THIS MORNING.
8 I WANT TO TAKE UP ITEM 1 D AND DO THE PUBLIC HEARING-- PUBLIC
9 COMMENT ITEMS?

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ITEM 1 D?

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 1 D.

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT'S ARNOLD SACHS.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND HE HAS A NUMBER OF ITEMS.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET'S TAKE THEM ALL UP. NO, YOU TAKE THEM
20 UP. YOU'RE THE CHAIR. <NO AUDIO>

21

22 **ARNOLD SACHS:** --THERE WAS MONEY GRANTED, A PAIR OF \$6 MILLION
23 FEDERAL GRANTS WILL BE USED TO SOUNDPROOF 300 HOMES IN LENNOX
24 AND ANOTHER 150 HOMES IN ENGLEWOOD. ADDITIONALLY, \$100 MILLION
25 FOR NOISE MITIGATION PROJECTS MAY BE COMING DOWN THE PIPELINE



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1 FOR LENNOX AND INGLEWOOD UNDER LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN
2 MARCH. THAT WOULD BE LAST MARCH, BY REPRESENTATIVES HARMON,
3 REPRESENTATIVE MAXINE WATERS AND SENATORS FEINSTEIN AND
4 BARBARA BOXER. WHEN IT COMES TO WHAT'S BEING SPENT HERE, \$1.1
5 MILLION, A LITTLE OVER \$1.1 MILLION, AND THIS ARTICLE IS
6 TALKING ABOUT \$112 MILLION, DOES ANYBODY HAVE ANY IDEA WHERE
7 THE EXTRA MONEY WENT TO? AND, AGAIN, THEY'VE DONE
8 SOUNDPROOFING IN MARINA DEL REY, IN WESTCHESTER AND WEST L.A.,
9 AND THE COUNTY HASN'T BEEN INVOLVED IN THAT. WHY ALL OF A
10 SUDDEN, IS IT JUST BECAUSE IT'S THE UNINCORPORATED AREA WOULD
11 BE THE REASON BEHIND THE COUNTY'S INVOLVEMENT?

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK THAT MR. JACKSON CAN EXPLAIN TO YOU
14 THE NUMBER OF HOMES THAT HAVE BEEN--

15

16 **ARNOLD SACHS:** IT SAYS THE NUMBER OF HOMES RIGHT HERE. IT SAYS
17 34.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BUT THAT'S THIS ROUND. ALL-- WE HAVE BEEN
20 DOING IT FOR A COUPLE YEARS. MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY
21 ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED YOUR NEXT ITEM IS
22 ITEM 9.

23

24 **ARNOLD SACHS:** NUMBER. 9 IS THE COUNTY'S INVOLVEMENT IN A
25 BUSINESS DISTRICT, SETTING UP A BUSINESS DISTRICT IN SAN



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1 PEDRO? IS THE COUNTY INVOLVED IN OTHER CITY BUSINESS
2 DISTRICTS? THAT IS THE CITY OF L.A., WOULDN'T THAT FALL UNDER
3 THE AUSPICES OF THE CITY OF L.A. AND THE BUSINESS DISTRICTS
4 THEY SET UP?

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** I CAN ANSWER THAT QUICKLY. WE HAVE COUNTY PROPERTY
7 INSIDE THE CONFINES OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. WE'RE JUST
8 TRYING TO BE A GOOD PARTNER IN THE ULTIMATE DEVELOPMENT OF
9 DOWN TOWN SAN PEDRO.

10

11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, SIR.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY MOLINA, WITHOUT
14 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. YOUR NEXT ITEM IS 30.

15

16 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ITEM 30, INDEPENDENT
17 CONTRACTORS. AND FINDING THAT IT WOULD BE MORE COST EFFICIENT.
18 LAST WEEK I SPOKE ON THE CLOSING OF THE CLINICS WHERE THE
19 COUNTY IS SPENDING \$197 PER PATIENT, AND THE PRIVATE CLINICS
20 ARE SPENDING \$134 PER PATIENT. TWO THINGS, THERE ARE NO
21 MEMBERS OF THE S.E.I.U. HERE TO DISCUSS THIS ITEM ABOUT BEING
22 MORE FISCALLY PRUDENT, AND HOW WOULD THAT RELATE AGAIN TO THE
23 CLOSURE OF THE CLINICS WHERE YOU'RE SPENDING ALMOST \$65 MORE
24 PER PATIENT? HOPEFULLY WE'RE SAVING MORE THAN \$65 PER LAWN
25 MOWER. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY
3 ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM 34.

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5 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ITEM 34, DEALING WITH HAWTHORN AVENUE
6 IMPROVEMENTS. I'M CONCERNED THAT-- IN THE SOUTH BAY,
7 IMPROVEMENTS WERE MADE TO SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD AROUND EL
8 SEGUNDO, BETWEEN THE CITIES OF EL SEGUNDO. MOSTLY IN THE CITY
9 OF EL SEGUNDO. THE AFFECTED PART OF MANHATTAN BEACH. THERE WAS
10 WIDENING OF THE SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD AND THEN ULTIMATELY THERE
11 WAS A NEW SHOPPING MALL PUT IN, WHICH BENEFITED FROM THE FACT
12 THAT THE UTILITIES WERE UNDERGROUNDED AND THE STREET WAS
13 WIDENED. BUT BECAUSE OF THIS NEW SHOPPING CENTER, ONE OF THE
14 WIDENED LANES HAS NOW BEEN LOST TO PUBLIC USE BECAUSE THEY
15 PLACED A LIGHT STANCHION RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE LANE. SO
16 APPROXIMATELY 300 FEET OF THE LANE CANNOT BE USED. I'M
17 CONCERNED THAT IF IMPROVEMENTS ARE MADE TO HAWTHORN BOULEVARD,
18 A PRIVATE CONTRACTOR WILL THEN COME IN AND FIND THESE
19 IMPROVEMENTS TO THEIR BENEFIT AND CREATE A SITUATION WHERE THE
20 PUBLIC LOSES THE OPPORTUNITY TO TRAVEL ON LANES THAT HAVE BEEN
21 IMPROVED FOR THEIR USE.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MOVED BY BURKE, SECONDED BY
24 YAROSLAVSKY; WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THE NEXT ITEM IS
25 49 A.



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2 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I'D LIKE TO HOLD OFF ON THAT FOR A MOMENT,
3 MADAME CHAIR, BECAUSE I NEED SOME INFORMATION ON 49 A, B-- A
4 AND B. IS THAT OKAY? COULD I COME BACK?

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO. WHY DON'T YOU MAKE YOUR STATEMENTS NOW?
7 AND THEN IF THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE THAT COMES UP, WE CAN
8 ADVISE YOU.

9

10 **ARNOLD SACHS:** AS I SAID, I NEED TO GET SOME INFORMATION FROM
11 WHERE I'M SITTING.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OH ,FROM UP THERE?

14

15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YEAH.

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17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DO YOU KNOW WHAT? PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THAT,
18 YOU CAN SAY IT AT THAT TIME. YOU CAN BRING IT UP AT THAT TIME.
19 YOU KNOW YOU'RE COMING UP HERE. YOU SHOULD BRING YOUR THINGS
20 DOWN HERE. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT?

21

22 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ON 49 A AND B?

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RIGHT.

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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I DO HAVE COMMENT, BUT I HAVE INFORMATION I NEED
2 TO READ FROM THAT I DON'T HAVE WITH ME.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WHEN YOU ARE CALLED UP FOR
5 PUBLIC COMMENT.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IF HE'S GOT THE STUFF UP THERE, I'LL TAKE UP
8 ANOTHER ITEM. LET HIM COME BACK.

9

10 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, SIR.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. YES. YOU'RE HOLDING AN ITEM.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HAVE WE DONE NUMBER 23?

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SOMEBODY FROM THE PUBLIC IS HOLDING THAT
19 ITEM.

20

21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** DR. CLAVREUL.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I WOULD LIKE TO ASK DR. CLAVREUL TO COME UP
24 FOR ITEM 23? AND THEN THAT'S CONTINUED, IS THAT IT?

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 22 AND 23, YES, ARE BOTH BEING CONTINUED.

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3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE THEY BOTH DR. CLAVREUL?

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ITEM 22 AND 23, DR. CLAVREUL?

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9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WHILE SHE IS GETTING SEATED. ON ITEM NUMBER
10 12, DR. CLAVREUL WAS HOLDING THIS ITEM BUT WOULD LIKE TO
11 RELEASE IT AND NOT SPEAK ON IT TODAY. SO IF WE COULD GET
12 APPROVAL ON THAT?

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH ITEM?

15

16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NUMBER 12.

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18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WAS THAT TO BE CONTINUED?

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** NO THAT'S BEFORE YOUR BOARD TODAY.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON 12, MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY
23 ANTONOVICH; WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

24

25 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DR. CLAVREUL?

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4 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
5 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I AM KIND OF SURPRISED THAT NUMBER 22
6 IS TO BE CONTINUED BECAUSE IF IT IS SUCH AN EMERGENCY ITEM,
7 GIVEN THAT WE HAD AN "IMMEDIATE JEOPARDY" AT HARBOR U.C.L.A.,
8 I SHOULD BE DONE TODAY. WHY POSTPONE IT TO NEXT WEEK? MAYBE I
9 MISUNDERSTAND THE TERM "IMMEDIATE JEOPARDY." AND THIS
10 CORRECTION, I LOOK AT THE CORRECTION.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, ONE OF THE MEMBERS HAS ASKED TO
13 CONTINUE IT.

14

15 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** I THINK WHEN YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY
16 SITUATION, IT WOULD BE NICE TO DEAL WITH IT. I HAVE NEVER SEEN
17 SO MANY ITEMS POSTPONED SINCE MR. FUJIOKA HAS COME TO THIS
18 COUNTY. I MEAN TODAY, SIX OR SEVEN ITEMS WERE CONTINUED.
19 THAT'S ABSURD. EITHER YOU DON'T BRING THEM UP OR WHEN YOU
20 BRING THEM UP, YOU ARE READY TO DEAL WITH IT. TO HAVE
21 CONSTANTLY ITEMS CONTINUED IS REALLY NOT A GOOD WAY TO DO
22 BUSINESS. ON ITEM 23, I WAS KIND OF SURPRISED LAST WEEK, AND
23 WHEN I HAD ASKED DOCUMENT ON THAT ITEM, I RECEIVED A LIST OF
24 THE PHYSICIANS WORKING AT THOSE CONTRACTS AT HARBOR U.C.L.A.,
25 OLIVE VIEW AND SO ON WITH THE NAME OF THE PHYSICIAN,



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1 ALPHABETIZED BY THEIR FIRST NAME. I MEAN, I WAS SPEECHLESS. WE
2 HAVE A COUNTY OF TEN MILLION OF PEOPLE, AND WE ARE
3 ALPHABETIZED LIKE IN KINDERGARTEN, NAMED BY FIRST NAME. THAT'S
4 RIDICULOUS. WHO DO YOU HAVE WORKING IN THOSE OFFICES? I MEAN,
5 THAT SOMEBODY WOULD EVEN PUT A PUBLIC DOCUMENT IN A COUNTY OF
6 THIS SIZE WITH A NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES THAT YOU HAVE,
7 ALPHABETIZED BY FIRST NAME, IS RIDICULOUS. I THINK AGAIN THE
8 CONTRACT, YOU KNOW, I TOTALLY DISAGREE ON THE DIFFERENT
9 CATEGORY. THOSE PHYSICIANS HAVE BEEN CATEGORIZED. IT IS
10 TOTALLY INAPPROPRIATE. AND THAT'S MY 10 CENTS FOR TODAY.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ITEM 22 IS CONTINUED
13 TO MARCH--

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MARCH 11TH.

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17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MARCH 11TH. ITEM 23 IS CONTINUED TO MARCH
18 11TH WITHOUT OBJECTION. MR. SACHS, 49 A AND B? OR WHAT IS THE
19 NEXT NUMBER YOU WANT TO CALL? HOW ABOUT ITEM 13, MR.
20 YAROSLAVSKY? DO YOU WANT TO CALL THAT UP?

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WILL AS SOON AS WE GET THROUGH WITH THIS.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MR. SACHS ON 49 A AND B? 49 A?

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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I BELIEVE 49 A IS LOOKING FOR A SUBSTITUTE FOR
2 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY ON THE EXPO BOARD. AND I WOULD LIKE TO
3 KNOW THAT HE COULD BE SUBSTITUTED ON THE METRO BOARD, TOO. I'M
4 QUOTING FROM AN ARTICLE--

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE DON'T HAVE ALTERNATES ON THE METRO
7 BOARD.

8

9 **ARNOLD SACHS:** EXCUSE ME?

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE DON'T HAVE ALTERNATES ON THE METRO
12 BOARD.

13

14 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I'M QUOTING FROM AN ARTICLE IN THE "CITY BEAT"
15 THAT STATES, "WE HAVE HAD CONTROVERSIES ON EVERY LINE WE
16 BUILT. UNDERGROUND AND AT GRADE AND ABOVE GRADE. IF I HAD
17 SUCCUMBED TO NEIGHBORHOOD OPPOSITION, THERE WOULDN'T BE AN
18 ORANGE LINE OR PASADENA GOLD LINE." THERE ISN'T A PASADENA
19 GOLD LINE. IT'S A GOLD LINE. ALTHOUGH THE STATE LEGISLATURE--
20 LEGISLATION THAT WAS AUTHORIZED IN 1998, SENATE BILL NUMBER
21 1847, ESTABLISHED THE PASADENA METRO BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION
22 AUTHORITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF AWARDED AND OVERSEEING ALL
23 DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS FOR COMPLETION OF THE LOS
24 ANGELES-PASADENA METRO BLUE LINE LIGHT RAIL PROJECT FROM UNION
25 STATION IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES TO SIERRA MADRE VILLA



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1 BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF PASADENA AND ANY MASS TRANSIT GUIDE
2 THAT MAY BE PLANNED EAST OF SIERRA MADRE VILLA BOULEVARD ALONG
3 A RAIL RIGHT OF WAY EXTENDING TO THE CITY OF CLAREMONT. MY
4 COMMENT WOULD BE: IF THAT WAS WHAT THE PASADENA BLUE LINE
5 CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY WAS AUTHORIZED AS AND THERE WERE NO
6 AMENDMENTS AS SAYS HERE FROM THIS BILL INTRODUCED BY MIKE
7 FEUER, JANUARY 24TH, 2008, AN ACT TO AMEND 19 SECTIONS, THEN
8 WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF HAVING THE GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION
9 AUTHORITY? WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF HAVING THE FOOTHILL
10 CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY? THOSE TWO CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITIES,
11 THEIR BUSINESS OR THEIR REASON FOR BEING WOULD HAVE BEEN
12 FULFILLED BY THE FACT THAT WE HAVE THE BLUE LINE, PASADENA
13 BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. AND I KNOW THE COLORS
14 CHANGED. BUT WE DID HAVE THAT OCCUR IN THE METRO BOARD MEETING
15 WHEN THE EXPO LINE WAS BROUGHT UP TO BE THE AQUA LINE. AND
16 THERE WAS A BIG TO DO ABOUT CHANGING THE COLOR OF THE EXPO
17 LINE. BUT I DON'T RECALL THEM SAYING WE'RE GOING TO CHANGE THE
18 AQUA LINE TO THE EXPO LINE AND CREATE THE CULVER CITY
19 CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY, THE SANTA MONICA CONSTRUCTION
20 AUTHORITY, THE EXPOSITION CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. I JUST
21 RECALL THEM CHANGING THE COLOR. WHO AUTHORIZED THE OTHER
22 CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITIES? WE NEED TO HAVE SOME ANSWERS. IT
23 WOULD BE NICE TO KNOW WHERE THE MONEY WENT TO SPEND ON THOSE.
24 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU HAVE 49- B. MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY,
2 SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH; WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON 49 A.
3 ON 49 B, WAS THAT ALSO WHAT YOU WERE SPEAKING ABOUT?

4

5 **ARNOLD SACHS:** 49 B IS JESSICA'S LAW, I BELIEVE? JUST TO MAKE
6 SURE THAT THE INTENTIONS ARE GREAT, BUT I BELIEVE IT WAS
7 WRITTEN ABOUT IN AN EDITORIAL, THE FUNDING FOR THE SUPERVISION
8 IS REALLY LACKING. AND IN THESE KIND OF GOOD INTENTIONED IDEAS
9 THAT AREN'T COMPLETELY THOUGHT OUT END UP COSTING MUCH MORE
10 BECAUSE THE FUNDING HAS TO BE BROUGHT IN FROM THE BACK, THEY
11 SHOULD BE LOOKED AT AS AN OVERALL PROJECT AND NOT SOMETHING
12 THAT HAS-- ALTHOUGH IT HAS GOOD INTENTIONS, THE CITIZENS OF
13 CALIFORNIA ARE GOING TO BE BEHIND THE 8 BALL TRYING TO FUND
14 THIS SUPERVISION FOR THE OFFENDERS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME
15 AND YOUR ANSWERS AND YOUR ATTENTION.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT ITEM IS MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED
18 BY YAROSLAVSKY, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. MR.
19 YAROSLAVSKY, I THINK YOU'RE STILL UP.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WANT TO READ IN A MOTION FOR NEXT WEEK.
22 "IN 2002, THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA ENACTED LEGISLATION
23 PROHIBITING SMOKING WITHIN 25 FEET OF A PLAYGROUND AND SANDBOX
24 AREAS TO PROTECT CHILDREN AGAINST THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF
25 SECONDHAND SMOKE. UNFORTUNATELY STATE LAW DOES NOT SAFEGUARD



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1 CHILDREN AND ADULTS FROM THE POTENTIAL EXPOSURE TO SECONDHAND
2 SMOKE AT STATE, COUNTY, AND/OR CITY PARKS. AS A RESULT, MANY
3 LOCAL JURISDICTIONS HAVE ADOPTED STRICTER POLICIES MAKING
4 THEIR PARKS 100 PERCENT SMOKE FREE INCLUDING THE CITIES OF LOS
5 ANGELES, PASADENA, GARDENA, PALMDALE, HUNTINGTON PARK AND
6 CERRITOS. LOS ANGELES COUNTY ADOPTED A POLICY OF BANNING
7 SMOKING AT BEACHES IN 2004 BUT HAS YET TO CONSIDER A SIMILAR
8 POLICY AT OUR PARKS. ACCORDING TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
9 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN THEIR PUBLICATION 'HEALTH
10 EFFECTS OF OUTDOOR SECONDHAND SMOKE' CIGARETTE SMOKE SATURATES
11 THE AREA SURROUNDING THE SMOKER AND THEN SPREADS DOWNWIND TO
12 NONSMOKERS WHO IN TURN BREATHE IN THE CARCINOGENS AND TOXINS
13 CONTAINED IN THE SMOKE. EVEN BRIEF EXPOSURE TO SECONDHAND
14 SMOKE HAS IMMEDIATE ADVERSE HEALTH EFFECTS ON ADULTS AND ON
15 CHILDREN. IN ADDITION TO BEING A TOXIC AIR CONTAMINANT, THE
16 DISCARDED CIGARETTE AND CIGAR BUTTS BECOME ENVIRONMENTAL
17 POLLUTANTS IN OUR PUBLIC PARKS. AS ONE OF THE MOST LITTERED
18 ITEMS IN THE WORLD, CIGARETTE BUTTS DO NOT DECOMPOSE
19 NATURALLY, BUT RATHER CAN TAKE ABOUT 10 YEARS TO DISINTEGRATE.
20 UNTIL THEN THEY REMAIN STREWN ACROSS OUR PARKS AS AN UNSIGHTLY
21 THREAT TO HUMANS AND WILDLIFE ALIKE. SAFEGUARDING THE PUBLIC'S
22 HEALTH AGAINST THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF CIGARETTE SMOKING AND
23 SECONDHAND SMOKE IN PUBLIC SPACES IS IMPORTANT.. THE CREATION
24 AND ADOPTION OF A SMOKE FREE POLICY IN THE COUNTY PARKS IS
25 ANOTHER IMPORTANT STEP TOWARDS IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF OUR



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1 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD
2 INSTRUCT THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, AND THE
3 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TO ANALYZE THE ADVISABILITY OF A
4 BAN ON SMOKING IN THE COUNTY'S PUBLIC PARKS AND TO REPORT BACK
5 TO THE BOARD WITHIN 90 DAYS WITH THEIR FINDINGS AND
6 RECOMMENDATIONS. THE REPORT SHOULD INCLUDE AN ANALYSIS OF THE
7 EFFECT ON PUBLIC HEALTH, THE POTENTIAL COSTS INCLUDING
8 ENFORCEMENT AND ANY IMPACT ON GOLF REVENUES, THE EXPERIENCE AT
9 OTHER LOCAL JURISDICTIONS THAT HAVE ADOPTED SUCH AN ORDINANCE,
10 AND A LIST OF ALL COUNTY-OPERATED PUBLIC PARKS THAT WOULD BE
11 IMPACTED BY SUCH AN ORDINANCE." THIS WOULD BE FOR NEXT--

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** FOR NEXT WEEK?

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S A REPORT BACK.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** REPORT BACK. ALL RIGHT, MOVED BY
18 YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH, WITHOUT OBJECTION.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE'LL WORK OUT THE GOLF ARRANGEMENTS, MR.
21 KNABE, I PROMISE YOU. BUT YOU'RE NOT A SMOKER. THANK YOU,
22 MADAME CHAIR. I GUESS-- WE ARE HOLDING NUMBER 13. I'D ASK THE
23 REGISTRAR RECORDER TO COME FORWARD FOR HIS REPORT. AND I
24 UNDERSTAND WE HAVE SOME MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON
25 THIS, AS WELL. I WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE ACTING REGISTRAR MAKE



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1 HIS REPORT FIRST AND THEN WE COULD HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC SO
2 THEY KNOW WHAT THEY'RE COMMENTING ON.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE SOME SPEAKERS THAT WE WOULD ASK TO
5 COME UP AS SOON AS HE COMES IN.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AS SOON AS HE'S DONE, GREAT. GO AHEAD, DEAN

8

9 **DEAN LOGAN:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR THE
10 OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE YOU WHAT I HOPE IS A FINAL REPORT ON THE
11 FEBRUARY 5TH PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION IN LOS ANGELES
12 COUNTY. AS WE DISCUSSED LAST WEEK, WE WERE PREPARED TO, PRIOR
13 TO CERTIFICATION, WHICH IS BEFORE YOU TODAY, TO GO BACK
14 THROUGH AND PICK UP SUPPLEMENTAL VOTES IN THE PRESIDENTIAL
15 PRIMARY CONTEST FOR THE DEMOCRATIC AND AMERICAN INDEPENDENT
16 PARTY CONTESTS FROM THOSE VOTERS WHO ARE DECLINED TO STATE OR
17 NONPARTISAN VOTERS WHO WERE CONFUSED OR MISSED THE EXTRA
18 BUBBLE THAT WAS PART OF THE BALLOT LAYOUT ON FEBRUARY 5TH IN
19 WHICH THEY ESSENTIALLY WERE CONVERTING THEIR BALLOT FROM A
20 NONPARTISAN BALLOT TO EITHER A DEMOCRATIC BALLOT OR AN
21 AMERICAN INDEPENDENT PARTY BALLOT. I'M PLEASED TO REPORT TO
22 YOU THAT WE DID CONDUCT THAT SUPPLEMENTAL COUNT THIS WEEKEND,
23 AFTER A CONSULTATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND COUNTY
24 COUNSEL AND DIRECTION FROM YOUR BOARD, AS WELL AS PUBLIC
25 NOTICE AND FREQUENT MEETINGS WITH STAKEHOLDERS ON THAT. THAT



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1 PROCESS WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL. WE WERE IN FACT ABLE TO PICK UP
2 80 PERCENT OF THOSE VOTES THAT WERE NOT ORIGINALLY ABLE TO BE
3 INCLUDED IN THE PRELIMINARY COUNT FOR THIS ELECTION. AND THOSE
4 ARE INCLUDED IN THE NUMBERS THAT ARE BEFORE YOU TODAY TO
5 CERTIFY THE ELECTION. THOSE WERE DONE THROUGH-- THE MAJORITY
6 OF THOSE WERE DONE THROUGH AN AUTOMATED PROCESS THROUGH OUR
7 CENTRAL TABULATION SYSTEM. WE WERE ABLE TO GO BACK THROUGH,
8 APPLY THE CRITERIA THAT WE PRESENTED FOR DETERMINING VOTER
9 INTENT ON THOSE AND TO PICK UP ON THOSE. THERE WERE A SMALL
10 NUMBER OF VOTES THAT WERE ALSO ADDED THROUGH A MANUAL COUNT.
11 THAT HAD TO DO WITH PROVISIONAL BALLOTS AND REMAKE BALLOTS
12 THAT HAD TO BE RESEARCHED AND CONDUCTED DURING THE FINAL DAYS
13 OF THE CANVASS. SO IN TOTAL WE ENDED UP REPROCESSING 60,458
14 BALLOTS. AND OF THOSE, WE PICKED UP 48,525 ADDITIONAL VOTES IN
15 THOSE TWO PRESIDENTIAL CONTESTS, WHICH LEAVES US WITH-- AND
16 THIS IS THE NUMBER WE DISCUSSED LAST WEEK-- THE NUMBER OF
17 VOTES THAT WE WERE NOT ABLE TO DETERMINE VOTER INTENT ON WAS
18 12,013. AND I DON'T TAKE THAT LIGHTLY. WE KNOW, AND AS I'VE
19 SAID TO YOU BEFORE, WE WILL NOT USE THE DOUBLE BUBBLE BALLOT
20 FORM IN THE JUNE PRIMARY, BUT I'M ALSO VERY GRATEFUL THAT WE
21 WERE ABLE TO, IN THE 28-DAY CANVASS PERIOD, GO BACK THROUGH
22 AND PICK UP A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF THOSE VOTES. WE WILL, AS
23 ASKED LAST WEEK, WE WILL BE PRESENTING A REPORT, OR PREPARING
24 A REPORT FOR THOSE 12,013 VOTES THAT IS BROKEN DOWN BY
25 PRECINCT AS WELL AS CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, SO THERE WILL BE



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1 AN ACCOUNTING OF THOSE. THAT REPORT IS NOT COMPLETED YET. BUT
2 IT WILL BE HOPEFULLY BY THE END OF THIS WEEK. I'LL BE
3 APPEARING AT A JOINT LEGISLATIVE HEARING ON FRIDAY, AND I HOPE
4 TO HAVE THAT INFORMATION COMPILED BY THEN. I REALLY WANT TO
5 THANK THE STAFF OF THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK
6 DEPARTMENT AND THE STAKEHOLDERS, THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S
7 OFFICE AND YOUR BOARD AND YOUR STAFF FOR WHAT I THINK WAS
8 REALLY A PARTNERSHIP IN THE LAST 28 DAYS TO SEND THE MESSAGE
9 TO VOTERS IN L.A. COUNTY THAT WHEN YOU CAST A BALLOT, WE'RE
10 GOING TO DO WHATEVER WE CAN LEGALLY TO MAKE SURE THAT VOTE IS
11 COUNTED. AGAIN OUR COMMITMENT IS TO IMPROVE THE BALLOT LAYOUT
12 FOR JUNE, MAKE SURE WE DON'T GET IN THIS SITUATION AGAIN. BUT
13 WE DO WANT THE 48,000 ADDITIONAL VOTES, WE WANT THOSE VOTERS
14 TO KNOW THAT THEIR VOTE HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN THE FINAL
15 CERTIFIED RESULTS. AND EVEN THE 12,000 THAT WE WERE NOT ABLE
16 TO DETERMINE INTENT, WE WANT TO SEND A LOUD AND CLEAR MESSAGE
17 TO THOSE VOTERS THAT WE VALUE YOUR VOTE AND WE WANT YOU TO
18 PARTICIPATE IN THE ELECTIONS PROCESS AND WE WILL DO EVERYTHING
19 THAT WE CAN TO FACILITATE THAT PROCESS IN THE FUTURE.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE OTHER THING I HOPE THAT WILL BE DONE
22 BETWEEN NOW AND THE JUNE ELECTION IS WHATEVER THE NEW SYSTEM
23 IS THAT YOU'RE DEVISING, WHICH I HOPE YOU WILL ADVISE US AND
24 KEEP US POSTED ON WHAT THAT-- HOW THAT'S GOING, IS THAT THERE
25 WILL BE A RATCHETED UP EDUCATION PROCESS FOR OUR POLL WORKERS



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1 SO THAT THERE IS LESS OF AN UNEVENNESS IN THE KNOWLEDGE BASE
2 OF OUR POLL WORKERS. SOME POLL WORKERS, EVEN SOME, THE PEOPLE
3 ON THE EIGHTH FLOOR WHO VOLUNTEER TO DO THIS, YEAR IN AND YEAR
4 OUT, SOME WERE BETTER INFORMED THAN OTHERS ABOUT WHAT THE
5 RULES WERE. SO I THINK WHATEVER THE NEW RULES OR THE NEW
6 PROCEDURE IS, THAT EVERYBODY NEEDS TO BE INFORMED, NOT ONCE
7 BUT MULTIPLE TIMES IN EVERY INSTRUCTION ABOUT THE CROSSOVER
8 VOTING. AND EVERYTHING ELSE. BUT IT'S THE CROSSOVER VOTING.

9

10 **DEAN LOGAN:** I THINK THERE REALLY ARE THREE CATEGORIES OF WORK
11 THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. THE BALLOT LAYOUT IS JUST ONE PIECE OF
12 THAT. THE OTHER IS THE POLL WORKER EDUCATION THAT YOU JUST
13 SPOKE OF. AND THEN THE THIRD IS PUBLIC EDUCATION. WE NEED TO
14 BE SURE-- THE WHOLE CONCEPT OF CROSSOVER VOTING IS A LITTLE
15 BIT CONFUSING FOR PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT
16 PARTICIPATED IN PRIMARIES, WHICH WAS AN ISSUE IN THE FEBRUARY
17 ELECTION. AND WE'RE GOING TO ADDRESS ALL THREE OF THOSE. I DID
18 WANT TO-- THAT JUST REMINDED ME OF ONE THING I DID WANT TO
19 MENTION. IN THE CERTIFICATION THAT'S BEFORE YOU TODAY, I THINK
20 IT'S IMPORTANT TO PUT THAT IN PERSPECTIVE IN TERMS OF THE
21 SCOPE OF THE FEBRUARY 5TH ELECTION. WE ENDED UP WITH TURNOUT
22 OF 55.26 PERCENT IN THIS ELECTION, AND THAT COMPARES TO THE
23 LAST TWO PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES OF 37.5 AND 48.2 PERCENT. SO
24 CONSIDERABLY HIGHER VOTER TURNOUT, CONSIDERABLY HIGHER NUMBER
25 OF NEW REGISTERED VOTERS. THERE WERE 2.1 MILLION BALLOTS CAST



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1 IN THIS ELECTION. AND WE WANT TO TRY TO SUSTAIN THAT THROUGH
2 THE NEXT TWO ELECTIONS IN 2008.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW DOES THE 2.1 MILLION BALLOTS CAST
5 COMPARE TO THE LAST PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY IN TERMS OF RAW
6 NUMBERS, DO YOU KNOW?

7

8 **DEAN LOGAN:** I DON'T HAVE THE RAW NUMBER IN FRONT OF ME. I KNOW
9 THAT THE LAST-- IN THE '04 PRIMARY ONE WAS CONSIDERABLY LOWER
10 TURNOUT, 37.5 PERCENT.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. I'LL RESERVE ANY OTHER COMMENTS UNTIL
13 WE HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC ON THIS. BUT I APPRECIATE YOU'VE BEEN
14 RESPONSIVE TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE BOARD AND ABLE TO BRING IT
15 TO US IN TIME. I THINK WE ALL APPRECIATE THAT. AND THEN I'LL
16 HAVE SOME OTHER COMMENTS AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE MICHAEL JAY, KEN AARON,
19 JUDY ALTER ON 13. AND ALSO KATHY FENG, WHEN THEY CONCLUDE.
20 WELL, KATHY FENG CAN COME UP RIGHT NOW AS WELL. WHEN THEY
21 FINISH TESTIFYING ON 13, DO YOU WANT THEM TO GO ON TO THEIR
22 TESTIMONY ON 14? IT'S THE SAME PEOPLE.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO. LET'S SEPARATE THE TWO.

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL ASK THEM TO STAY THERE, THEN. YES,
2 PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

3

4 **JUDY ALTER:** JUDY ALTER, DIRECTOR OF PROTECT CALIFORNIA
5 BALLOTS. I'M THE CITIZEN WHO DELIVERED TO YOUR OFFICES ON
6 FEBRUARY 13TH THE PROPOSAL FOR COUNTING THE UNCOUNTED,
7 NONPARTISAN VOTES OF THE VOTERS WHO DID NOT FILL IN THE FIVE
8 OR SIX TO DESIGNATE THEIR CHOICE OF PARTY. ON THURSDAY,
9 FEBRUARY 14TH, SECRETARY OF STATE BOWEN ALSO RECEIVED THIS
10 PROPOSAL. AND SHE WROTE TO DEAN LOGAN THAT, YES, USING THE
11 SIGNATURES IN THE ROSTER BOOKS WHERE THEIR PARTY OF CHOICE WAS
12 LISTED GAVE CLEAR INDICATION OF THE VOTERS' INTENT AND, THUS,
13 THOSE BALLOTS COULD AND SHOULD BE COUNTED. I KNOW YOU MUST
14 CERTIFY THE FEBRUARY 5TH PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS TODAY SO
15 THAT THE ENTIRE STATE CERTIFICATION CAN BE COMPLETED BY LAW. I
16 HAVE CONCERNS, HOWEVER, THAT THE SUBMITTED RESULTS ARE STILL
17 NOT AS ACCURATELY COUNTED AS WE ALL WANT THEM TO BE. AND HERE
18 IS WHY. AS YOU KNOW, LAST NOVEMBER, I SUBMITTED TO YOU A
19 STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF THE MANDATED 1 PERCENT MANUAL TALLY
20 RESULTS FOR 2006 AND SUBMITTED THAT STUDY AT THE HEARING OF
21 THE SECRETARY OF STATE IN SACRAMENTO. I REPORTED THAT 23 OF
22 EVERY 100 BALLOTS WERE INACCURATELY COUNTED BY THE
23 MICROCOMPUTER TALLY SYSTEM IN 2006. I'VE NOW LOOKED AT THE
24 PRELIMINARY RESULTS, WHICH I HAVE RIGHT HERE, OF THE 1 PERCENT
25 MANUAL TALLY FOR THIS ELECTION WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE THAT THIS



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1 IS-- THE RESULTS ARE PRELIMINARY. THE HAND COUNT AND THE M.T.S
2 .MACHINE COUNT MORE OFTEN MATCH THE ELECTION NIGHT RESULTS
3 THAN THEY MATCH THE ABSENTEE COUNT. LET ME EXPLAIN. THE
4 ABSENTEE BALLOTS ARE PROCESSED A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION
5 USING A BALLOT IMAGING PROCESS THAT DIFFERS FROM THE ELECTION
6 NIGHT SCANNING PROCESS. THESE ELECTRONIC IMAGES OF THE
7 ABSENTEE BALLOTS WERE THEN SAVED ON DISKS, AND ON ELECTION
8 NIGHT AFTER 8 P.M. WERE ENTERED INTO THE M.T.S. TABULATOR AND
9 TALLIED. THE SAME METHOD WAS USED TO CAPTURE THE UNCOUNTED
10 NONPARTISAN VOTES. THE HAND COUNT SHOWS THAT THERE ARE TWICE
11 THE NUMBER OF UNCOUNTED VOTES CAPTURED BY THE ELECTRONIC
12 IMAGING THAN THE NUMBER OF UNCOUNTED VOTES WHEN COUNTED BY
13 M.T.S. IN 2006, THE ABSENTEE BALLOTS WERE NOT INCLUDED IN THE
14 1 PERCENT MANUAL TALLY, ALTHOUGH THIS BALLOT IMAGING SYSTEM
15 WAS USED THEN. SINCE WE TRUST THE HAND COUNT TO SEE IF MACHINE
16 COUNTS ARE ACCURATE, I'M SORRY THAT THE UNCOUNTED, NONPARTISAN
17 VOTES WERE NOT COUNTED BY HAND AS I HAD SUGGESTED. THEN WE
18 WOULD ALL FEEL CONFIDENT ABOUT THE CERTIFIED RESULTS.

19

20 **MICHAEL JAY:** HI, I'M MICHAEL JAY. I'M WITH THE L.A. CITIZENS
21 ELECTION PROTECTION TASKFORCE AND PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATS OF LOS
22 ANGELES. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING. I BELIEVE I WAS LAST HERE
23 ALMOST THREE MONTHS AGO, DECEMBER 11TH, WHEN NINE OF US SPOKE
24 TO YOU, RIGHT INTO THE RECORD, THAT WE NEEDED TO MAKE SURE WE
25 HAD A REGISTRAR THAT WE COULD COUNT ON. WE TRIED TO WARN YOU



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1 ABOUT PREVIOUS RECORDS AND SITUATIONS, AND I DON'T FEEL WE
2 WERE LISTENED TO. IN FACT, AT THE TIME WE HAD TO CALL FOR
3 QUIET AND FOR PEOPLE TO BE LISTENED TO. PEOPLE WERE OPENING
4 THEIR CHRISTMAS CARDS AT THAT TIME. PEOPLE WERE READING THEIR
5 EMAIL. BUT LET ME REPEAT SOME OF WHAT WE TALKED ABOUT AT THAT
6 TIME. NOW, I WANT TO SAY, I'M SORRY TO SAY THIS, WE'VE MET
7 WITH THE ACTING REGISTRAR DEAN LOGAN. HE INVITED US TO MEET
8 WITH HIM. HE WAS VERY CORDIAL. BUT HIS RECORD FROM HIS
9 PREVIOUS POSITION SPEAKS FOR ITSELF. I BELIEVE I HAD SHOWN
10 THIS ARTICLE FROM THE "SEATTLE TIMES." "LOGAN ADDED TO WOES OF
11 ELECTION STAFF" PANEL SAYS. THIS ARTICLE GOES ON TO TALK ABOUT
12 A CULTURE OF FEAR IN THE STAFF, HAPHAZARD PLANNING AND AN
13 ORGANIZATION IN PERPETUAL CRISIS. THE FACT THAT LOGAN HIRED
14 THE WRONG KIND OF SUPERINTENDENT. I WANT TO MAKE SURE YOU'RE
15 AWARE THAT THE COUNTY COUNSEL MEMBER IN KING COUNTY DEMANDED
16 THAT MR. LOGAN RESIGN. HE WROTE A SCATHING LETTER IN WHICH HE
17 SAID "YOU ADMITTED--" EXCUSE ME. "YOU PERSONALLY WERE AWARE OF
18 THE EXISTENCE OF UNCOUNTED BALLOTS FOR AT LEAST A WEEK YOU
19 ADMITTED THE BALLOTS HAD BEEN FOUND. REPEATED AND INEXCUSABLE
20 MISTAKES, A REPEATED PATTERN OF MISTAKES, THE FAILURE OF YOUR
21 DEPARTMENT IS CLEAR FROM THE MANY ERRORS IN REGISTERING
22 VOTERS, INACCURACIES IN COUNTING AND RECOUNTING BALLOTS,
23 FAILURE TO ENSURE THAT ONLY LEGAL BALLOTS WERE COUNTED,
24 INABILITY TO RECONCILE VOTERS WITH BALLOTS CAST. EVERY TIME
25 YOU REPORT TO THE COUNCIL AND THE PUBLIC THE NUMBER OF ERRORS



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1 REPORTED HAS INCREASED." DOES ANY OF THIS SOUND FAMILIAR? WE
2 BEGGED YOU TO HIRE SOMEONE FROM THE EXISTING STAFF WITH
3 EXPERIENCE. THERE ARE PEOPLE THERE WITH 20 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE
4 WHO DON'T HAVE HEADLINES IN THEIR PAST ASKING THAT THEY
5 RESIGN. A U.S. SENATOR, A U.S. SENATOR ASKED FOR A CRIMINAL
6 INVESTIGATION INTO THIS. NOW, MEMBERS OF OUR TASKFORCE WARNED
7 EIGHT DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION THAT THE BUBBLE--

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHOA. LET'S STOP FOR A SECOND. HOLD HIS TIME
10 I DON'T WANT TO PENALIZE HIM. BEFORE WE GET TO EIGHT DAYS
11 BEFORE. WHEN YOU WERE HERE IN DECEMBER, DID YOU WARN THE BOARD
12 ABOUT THE DOUBLE BUBBLE?

13

14 **MICHAEL JAY:** NO, OF COURSE NOT.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WERE YOU AWARE OF THE DOUBLE BUBBLE PROBLEM?

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18 **MICHAEL JAY:** NO.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHY NOT?

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22 **MICHAEL JAY:** BECAUSE I HADN'T SEEN A BALLOT-- I'LL TELL YOU
23 WHY.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE SAME BALLOT'S BEEN THERE SINCE 2002. WHY
2 ARE YOU TRASHING--? I MEAN YOU HAVE YOUR OPINION ABOUT MR.
3 LOGAN AND IT'S WELL DOCUMENTED.

4

5 **MICHAEL JAY:** IT'S NOT MY OPINION.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT IS YOUR OPINION AND IT'S OTHER PEOPLE'S
8 OPINION. AND I APPRECIATE YOU'RE ON A CRUSADE. I APPRECIATE
9 THAT. AND YOU'RE ENTITLED TO THAT. BUT YOU CAN'T COME UP HERE
10 WITH CLEAN HANDS AND BLAME HIM FOR THE DOUBLE BUBBLE PROBLEM
11 WHEN YOU YOURSELF, WHO ARE VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE IN THIS,
12 EXTREMELY KNOWLEDGEABLE IN THIS, AND YOU KNOW MY OFFICE HAS
13 VALUED YOUR INPUT AND YOUR OPINION, THAT YOU DIDN'T CALL THIS
14 TO ANYBODY'S ATTENTION. AND NOW YOU WANT TO SAY "WELL, YOU
15 SHOULD HAVE LISTENED TO ME IN DECEMBER BECAUSE OF ALL THE
16 PROBLEMS HE HAD IN SEATTLE." IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE
17 DOUBLE BUBBLE PROBLEM WHICH IS THE ITEM THAT'S BEFORE US NOW
18 IN THE CERTIFICATION OF THE FEBRUARY ELECTION.

19

20 **MICHAEL JAY:** I WOULD LIKE TO ANSWER THAT.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WOULD BE HAPPY IF YOU WOULD.

23

24 **MICHAEL JAY:** THANK YOU. THIS ENTIRE SITUATION REMINDS ME OF
25 WHEN OUR PRESIDENT SAID "NO ONE COULD HAVE FORESEEN THE LEVEES



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1 BREAKING," BUT HE WAS WARNED. IT WAS THAT PERSON'S JOB TO KNOW
2 ABOUT THOSE LEVEES AND THAT PERSON WAS WARNED. NOW, IT'S NOT
3 MY JOB AS A CITIZEN ACTIVIST WHO IS NOT PAID TO DO THIS TO
4 KNOW THESE THINGS. BUT THERE IS A SPECIFIC ANSWER TO YOU,
5 SUPERVISOR. WE JUST HEARD TESTIMONY FROM THE ACTING REGISTRAR
6 THAT THE TURNOUT FOR THIS ELECTION WAS OVER 55 PERCENT WHEN IT
7 HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN 37 PERCENT. NOW, THAT WAS A LEVEE THAT
8 ANYONE COULD HAVE FORESEEN WOULD BREAK. WE SAW FROM SUPER
9 TUESDAY-- EXCUSE ME FROM PRIMARIES BEFORE THEN, THAT THE
10 TURNOUT IN THIS ELECTION WAS HUGE. IT WAS 50 TO 100 PERCENT
11 HIGHER IN THE CAUCUSES AND THE PRIMARIES THAT HAD ALREADY
12 TAKEN PLACE.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND ALL OF THAT, MICHAEL. AND I'M
15 NOT-- I DON'T WANT TO GET INTO AN INTERMINABLE DEBATE WITH YOU
16 OVER IT. ALL I'M SAYING IS, YOU'RE NOT JUST ANY OLD CITIZEN
17 WHO COMES UP HERE AND JUST WALKED OFF THE STREET AND
18 TESTIFIED. YOU'RE VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE IN THIS WHOLE AREA OF
19 ELECTION, VOTE COUNTING AND TABULATION, EXTREMELY
20 KNOWLEDGEABLE.

21

22 **MICHAEL JAY:** THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH. AND YOU DESERVE THE CREDIT. AND I SAY
25 THAT QUITE SINCERELY AND SERIOUSLY. BUT WITH THAT COMES A



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1 RESPONSIBILITY. YOU CAN'T HAVE IT BOTH WAYS. YOU CAN'T COME UP
2 HERE AND IGNORE THE FACT THAT YOU WERE HERE IN DECEMBER. I
3 REMEMBER IT QUITE CLEARLY ALL OF THE TESTIMONY YOU GAVE. YOU
4 RAN THE GAMUT FROM A TO Z. BUT IT JUST SO HAPPENS THAT B WAS
5 NOT IN YOUR LEXICON THAT DAY. DOUBLE BUBBLE WAS NOT IN YOUR
6 LEXICON THAT DAY. IT WASN'T IN MINE. IT WASN'T IN THE ACTING
7 REGISTRAR. IT WASN'T IN HIS PREDECESSORS. IT WAS ONE OF THOSE
8 THINGS THAT NOBODY FORESAW. ONE PERSON CLAIMS TO HAVE FORESEEN
9 IT A WEEK BEFORE THE ELECTION, WHICH IS GREAT. BUT YOU DIDN'T.
10 AND THE OTHERS WHO CAME UP HERE AND TESTIFIED, NOT ONE OF THE
11 PEOPLE WHO TESTIFIED BEFORE THIS BOARD DURING THAT TIME WERE--
12 CALLED THAT PROBLEM, THAT POTENTIAL LEVEE PROBLEM TO OUR
13 ATTENTION, UNLIKE NEW ORLEANS WHERE THERE WERE PLENTY OF
14 PEOPLE WHO CALLED THE LEVEE PROBLEM TO THE ATTENTION FROM THE
15 ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO POLITICAL LEADERS AND THE LIKE.
16 THIS WAS NOT SOMETHING THAT ANYBODY HAD FATHOMED. AND I JUST
17 THINK IT DOESN'T ENHANCE ONE'S CREDIBILITY TO THROW EVERYTHING
18 AND THE KITCHEN SINK AGAINST AN INDIVIDUAL WHO YOU DO NOT WANT
19 HIRED AS THE PERMANENT REGISTRAR BY BLAMING HIM FOR EVERYTHING
20 THAT'S GONE WRONG IN THE WORLD, IN THE WORLD OF
21 ELECTIONEERING. WHAT HE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR, HE WILL BE HELD
22 ACCOUNT ACCOUNTABLE FOR. AND WHAT HE ISN'T RESPONSIBLE FOR, I
23 WOULD SUGGEST, IS-- LET IT ALONE, BECAUSE IT DOES NOT ENHANCE
24 YOUR CREDIBILITY ON THE ISSUE YOU CARE ABOUT. FRANKLY, WELL
25 I'VE SAID ENOUGH. I JUST THINK IF THIS WAS SUCH AN OBVIOUS,



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1 TRANSPARENT ISSUE, I THINK YOU WOULD HAVE CALLED IT TO OUR
2 ATTENTION BECAUSE YOU CALLED A LOT OF OTHER THINGS TO OUR
3 ATTENTION OVER THE MONTHS, OVER THE LAST YEAR, OR YEAR AND A
4 HALF, MUCH OF WHICH HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL TO US, TO ME AND MY
5 OFFICE AND TO THE BOARD. ANYWAY, DON'T PENALIZE HIS TIME. I
6 INTERRUPTED HIM.

7

8 **MICHAEL JAY:** THEY DID USE UP THE REST OF THE CLOCK. I WOULD
9 LIKE TO PERHAPS USE THE HALF MINUTE THAT WAS REMAINING TO
10 RESPOND. I AM NOT BLAMING THE ACTING REGISTRAR FOR EVERYTHING
11 THAT HAPPENS IN THE WORLD. BUT AS I SAID, I'M AN ACTIVIST. AND
12 IT'S NOT MY JOB, IT'S NOT MY PAID JOB TO KNOW THESE THINGS. I
13 HAD NOT SEEN THE BALLOT. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO THINK THAT IF I
14 HAD BEEN INVITED TO THE POLL MONITORING MEETING, AT WHICH MISS
15 ALTER AND MISS GIBSON AND OTHER CITIZENS DID ATTEND, THEY SAW
16 THE BALLOT FOR THE FIRST TIME. AND THESE LAYMEN, CITIZEN
17 ACTIVISTS SAW TROUBLE, THAT THE REGISTRAR WAS NOT AWARE OF AND
18 WHICH THE STAFF DID NOT LISTEN TO. NOW THAT IS THEIR JOB. THEY
19 SHOULD HAVE LISTENED AT THAT TIME. AND WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY
20 IS THAT ON DECEMBER 11TH WE TRIED TO SAY YOU NEED A PERSON IN
21 THIS ROLE, WHO AS COUNTY PARTY CHAIRMAN SAYS, ERIC BOWMAN, HAS
22 CALLED IT, WE NEED A "WHAT IF" GUY. SOMEONE WHO IS GOING TO
23 SAY "GEE, WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE HEADLINES AROUND THE
24 COUNTRY? COULD THERE BE A HIGHER TURN- OUT? DO I NEED TO LOOK
25 AT EVERYTHING THAT CAN GO WRONG?" WHEN CITIZEN ACTIVISTS LOOK



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1 AT A BALLOT FOR THE FIRST TIME, AND ARE SAYING OVER AND OVER,
2 "THIS WILL BE TROUBLE--"

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, NO. THEY DIDN'T SAY OVER AND OVER. AND I
5 WOULDN'T SAY ACTIVISTS. THERE IS ONE ACTIVIST WHO CLAIMS THAT
6 SHE BROUGHT IT TO SOMEBODY'S ATTENTION, WHAT IS IT, THE DAY
7 BEFORE THE ELECTION?

8

9 **MICHAEL JAY:** IT WAS JANUARY 28TH.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL STIPULATE THAT IT WAS A WEEK BEFORE THE
12 ELECTION.

13

14 **MICHAEL JAY:** YES,. IT WAS.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU LIVE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, DO
17 YOU NOT?

18

19 **MICHAEL JAY:** YES.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE YOU A VOTER?

22

23 **MICHAEL JAY:** YES.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO YOU SAW THE BALLOT?



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2 **MICHAEL JAY:** NOT THE NONPARTISAN BALLOT.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DID YOU VOTE IN 2002? THE NONPARTISAN BALLOT
5 AND THE DEMOCRATIC BALLOT, OR THE REPUBLICAN BALLOT-- I DON'T
6 KNOW ABOUT THE REPUBLIC BALLOT, BUT THE AMERICAN INDEPENDENT
7 BALLOT, ALL HAVE THE DOUBLE BUBBLE ON TOP. MINE DID. I'M A
8 DEMOCRAT.

9

10 **MICHAEL JAY:** BUT THEY DON'T HAVE A WARNING. AND THE SAMPLE
11 BALLOT DOES NOT HAVE A WARNING THAT YOU MUST, SO TO SPEAK,
12 VOTE IN THAT CONTEST.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DIDN'T IT OCCUR TO YOU TO ASK YOURSELF, "WHY
15 IS THERE A DOUBLE BUBBLE ON THE TOP OF MY BALLOT?" WHEN YOU
16 GET THE SAMPLE BALLOT AT HOME.

17

18 **MICHAEL JAY:** NO, BUT I GUESS IF I WAS PAID \$200,000 A YEAR TO
19 MAKE THAT MY JOB, IT MIGHT OCCUR TO ME.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S ALL RIGHT

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** I WENT TO THE PRECINCT, AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW,
24 WHEN WE WERE--

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU CAN'T BE HEARD. GLORIA, TURN ON YOUR
2 MIC. TURN ON YOUR MIC.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT PRECINCT [INAUDIBLE] SO I'M NOT GOING TO BUY
5 INTO THE FACT THAT YOU SAID EVERYBODY WAS WRONG ON IT. SHE
6 KNEW EXACTLY WHAT SHE WAS DOING AT THE PRECINCT THAT I WENT
7 TO.

8

9 **MICHAEL JAY:** I DID NOT SAY EVERYONE WAS WRONG. BUT I SPOKE TO
10 SIX INSPECTORS AND FIVE OF THEM DID NOT KNOW. AND I HAVE THEM
11 ON TAPE. AND AT THE HEARING-- WE HAD A HEARING.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU SHOULD MEET THE ONE I KNOW. I SHOULD SEND HER
14 OVER TO YOU. SHE WAS VERY WELL INFORMED.

15

16 **MICHAEL JAY:** ONE OF THE SIX THAT I MET DID KNOW, AND THAT
17 HAPPENED TO BE ONE AT MY OWN POLLING PLACE, BUT FIVE OTHERS
18 DIDN'T. AND ON TAPE, SOME OF THEM INSISTING THERE IS NO SUCH
19 THING AS THE EXTRA BUBBLE. TWO OF THEM WERE GIVING OUT
20 DEMOCRATIC BALLOTS BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T KNOW THE PROCESS. ONE
21 OF THEM I CALLED AFTER I HEARD THE ACTING REGISTRAR ON THE
22 RADIO, AND I SAID, "WE'RE SURE THE BALLOTS WILL NOT COUNT. YOU
23 NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THIS." TWO OF THEM ASSURED ME, "WE KNOW
24 ABOUT IT, WE'RE TELLING VOTERS," BUT BEHIND THEM, VOTERS WERE
25 BEING GIVEN D.T.S. BALLOTS AND THEY WERE NOT BEING TOLD ABOUT



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1 THE PROCESS. NOW, AGAIN, THE ACTING REGISTRAR WAS ON THE RADIO
2 SAYING EVERYTHING WAS FINE AND EVERYONE WAS INFORMED. THAT'S
3 NOT THE CASE.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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7 **MICHAEL JAY:** THANK YOU FOR THE TIME.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

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11 **KATHY FENG:** KATHY FENG WITH CALIFORNIA COMMON CAUSE.

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13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DID KEN AARON COME UP?

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15 **JUDY ALTER:** NO. I HAVE HIS TESTIMONY. WOULD I BE ALLOWED TO
16 READ IT OR I JUST HAND IT IN?

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18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU CAN HAND IT IN.

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20 **JUDY ALTER:** HE MAY COME. HE'S COMING FROM NORWALK.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OH, YOU MEAN HE WASN'T HERE WHEN HE PUT
23 THIS IN-- YOU PUT IT IN?

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1 **JUDY ALTER:** HE'S COMING FROM NORWALK. HE WITNESSED THE SHA-1
2 HASH THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE MANDATED. IT WAS SCHEDULED AT
3 THE SAME TIME AS THIS HEARING.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IF HE ARRIVES BEFORE WE FINISH THIS ITEM OR
6 ANY OF THE OTHERS, HE WILL BE HEARD.

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8 **JUDY ALTER:** THANK YOU.

9

10 **KATHY FENG:** MY NAME IS KATHY FENG, AND I'M WITH CALIFORNIA
11 COMMON CAUSE. OFTENTIMES WHEN I COME, I'M WEARING MY HUMAN
12 RELATIONS HAT. SO TODAY I'M WEARING MY COMMON CAUSE HAT.
13 COMMON CAUSE HAS BEEN VERY INVOLVED IN ELECTION MONITORING AND
14 PRIOR TO COMING TO COMMON CAUSE, I USED TO WORK WITH THE
15 ASIAN-PACIFIC LEGAL CENTER. WE DID A LOT OF POLL MONITORING,
16 IN POLL SITE MONITORING OF HUNDREDS OF SITE THROUGHOUT LOS
17 ANGELES AND ORANGE COUNTY. ON ELECTION DAY, WE RAN AN ELECTION
18 PROTECTION HOTLINE. WE RECEIVED ABOUT 1,600 CALLS FROM AROUND
19 CALIFORNIA. MANY OF THEM WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE DOUBLE
20 BUBBLE SITUATION. AND IMMEDIATELY AFTER-- OR DURING THE
21 ELECTION AND ALSO AFTERWARDS, WE WORKED WITH A LOT OF
22 ACTIVISTS, A FAIRLY LARGE COALITION OF GROUPS, TO LOOK AT WHAT
23 HAPPENED, HOW WE GOT TO THIS PLACE, AND THEN MORE IMPORTANTLY,
24 HOW WE COULD FIND SOME SOLUTIONS TO IT. LET ME JUST SAY THAT
25 BEFORE DEAN LOGAN, I'VE HAD A VERY LONG RELATIONSHIP IN



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1 WORKING WITH CONNY MCCORMACK. WE USED TO SIT ON THE OPPOSITE
2 SIDE OF THE TABLE AND SHE WOULD SAY "NO, IT CAN'T BE DONE."
3 AND I WOULD SAY "YES, IT CAN BE DONE." AND THROUGH THE YEARS
4 IT CAME TO BE A VERY CORDIAL WORKING RELATIONSHIP WHERE WE
5 WOULD FIND SOLUTIONS TO HELPING VOTERS GET THE INFORMATION
6 THAT THEY NEED TO VOTE AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, HELPING HER FIND
7 MORE EFFECTIVE WAYS OF RUNNING HER DEPARTMENT. AND IT IS NOT
8 AN EASY JOB. I THINK THAT DEAN LOGAN STEPPED INTO A VERY
9 DIFFICULT SITUATION BECAUSE OF A TRANSITION FROM ONE COUNTY
10 REGISTRAR TO ANOTHER. I THINK HE STEPPED INTO A VERY DIFFICULT
11 SITUATION BECAUSE IF WE REMEMBER CORRECTLY, JUST A FEW MONTHS
12 RIGHT LEADING UP TO THE ELECTION, WE DIDN'T KNOW IF WE WERE
13 GOING TO HAVE A CERTIFIED VOTING SYSTEM, WE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT
14 THE CONDITIONS WERE GOING TO BE FOR RUNNING THE VOTING SYSTEM
15 THAT WE DID HAVE, AND WHETHER SOMETHING WAS GOING TO BE TOSSED
16 OUT ENTIRELY AND WE WERE GOING TO HAVE TO SWITCH TO A NEW ONE.
17 LET ME JUST STATE FOR THE RECORD THAT CALIFORNIA COMMON CAUSE,
18 AND MANY OF THE COALITION MEMBERS THAT WE WORK WITH, FEEL THAT
19 INKAVOTE, AS A VOTING SYSTEM, IS FUNDAMENTALLY FLAWED. CONNIE
20 MCCORMACK ALWAYS SAID THAT INKAVOTE WAS A TRANSITIONAL SYSTEM.
21 AND WE NEED TO HAVE SOME LONG TERM PLANNING FOR HOW TO GET OFF
22 OF IT. BECAUSE THE BUBBLES AND THE NUMBERS UNFORTUNATELY DO
23 NOT LEND THEMSELVES TO IMPROVING VOTER CONFUSION. THAT SAID,
24 WE DO WANT TO COMMEND THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE FOR FINDING OUT
25 THAT THERE WAS A PROBLEM, RECEIVING RECOMMENDATIONS ON WHAT



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1 CHANGES COULD BE DONE IN THE PROCESSING OF THE BALLOTS AND
2 IMMEDIATELY PULLING OUT THE BALLOTS WHERE THE BUBBLES 11
3 THROUGH 15 WERE UNIQUE FOR A PARTICULAR PARTY AND ALSO GOING
4 THROUGH ALL THE ROSTERS AND RESCUING ESSENTIALLY 47 TO 48,000
5 VOTES. WE THINK THAT THAT WAS A HERCULEAN TASK IN A COUNTY AS
6 BIG AS L.A. AND IT'S NOT EASY TO TURN AROUND THIS BIG SHIP. WE
7 KNOW. WE ALSO WANT TO RECOGNIZE JUST BEFORE THE ELECTIONS, A
8 SPECIAL PACKET WAS MAILED TO ALL THE POLL WORKERS TO INFORM
9 THEM OF THE DOUBLE BUBBLE PROBLEM. I DON'T THINK THAT'S THE
10 IDEAL WAY TO DO IT. OBVIOUSLY, IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN
11 INCORPORATED INTO TRAINING. BUT, AGAIN, REMEMBERING THE
12 CONTEXT THAT WE DIDN'T KNOW WHETHER WE WERE GOING TO USE
13 INKAVOTE. WE WERE UP AGAINST A LOT OF SITUATIONS THAT THERE
14 WERE A LOT OF NEW CONDITIONS PLACED ON L.A. COUNTY AND WE HAD
15 THIS PHENOMENAL TURNOUT. I'M NOT SAYING THAT IT COULDN'T HAVE
16 BEEN DONE BETTER, BUT I THINK THAT THOSE SITUATIONS--

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18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

19

20 **KATHY FENG:** THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, ARE WE DONE WITH THE PUBLIC
23 HEARING? OKAY. LET ME MAKE A COUPLE OF COMMENTS ON THIS. WHERE
24 IS DEAN? DEAN LOGAN? COULD I ASK YOU TO EXCUSE YOURSELF FOR A
25 SECOND? DON'T BREAK YOUR NECK. I THINK MISS FENG'S LAST



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1 COMMENTS WERE-- ALL THE COMMENTS WERE VALUABLE. AND I
2 APPRECIATE THE LAST COMMENTS BECAUSE THE HISTORICAL CONTEXT OF
3 THIS, THERE WERE ONLY A HANDFUL OF PEOPLE WHO APPRECIATE WHAT
4 WAS GOING ON HERE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS SUPERVISOR KNABE AND I
5 WERE ENGAGED IN ONGOING DISCUSSIONS FIRST WITH CONNY MCCORMACK
6 AND THEN WITH DEAN EVEN WHILE CONNY WAS STILL HERE TRYING TO
7 MAKE SURE THAT WE HAD THE TECHNOLOGICAL SIGNOFF TO CONDUCT THE
8 ELECTION IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY; AND WITHOUT LOS ANGELES
9 COUNTY, THE CALIFORNIA ELECTION IS SORT OF MEANINGLESS. <NO
10 AUDIO>

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THERE WE GO. THERE MUST BE SOME KIND OF
13 ELECTRICAL PROBLEM UP THERE. AND ALL OF THAT GOT WORKED OUT AT
14 THE LAST MINUTE. SO THE FIRST THING I WANT TO DO IS I WANT TO
15 THANK ACTING REGISTRAR LOGAN FOR THAT EFFORT. ALSO FOR THIS
16 EFFORT, BECAUSE I KNOW THE TIME PRESSURE AND TECHNOLOGICAL
17 PRESSURE YOU WERE UNDER AND THE LEGAL CONSTRAINTS YOU WERE
18 UNDER. AND I WANT TO JUST RECAP WHERE WE STARTED AND WHERE
19 WE'VE ENDED UP. WE STARTED OFF WITH APPROXIMATELY 200,000
20 NONPARTISAN VOTERS WHO VOTED IN THE ELECTION ON FEBRUARY 5TH
21 IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES; 50,000 MEANT TO VOTE ONLY
22 INDEPENDENT; THAT IS, THEY DID NOT VOTE FOR PRESIDENT. THEY
23 JUST VOTED FOR THE PROPOSITIONS. AND THEY DID SO; 100,000
24 CHOSE TO CROSS OVER AND VOTE FOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES
25 EITHER THE DEMOCRATIC OR THE AMERICAN INDEPENDENT PARTY. AND



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1 100,000 WHO DID SO SUCCESSFULLY. THERE WERE 150,000 WHO
2 APPEARED TO HAVE WANTED TO DO SO. 100,000 DID IT UNAMBIGUOUSLY
3 SUCCESSFULLY. AND 50,000 WHO TRIED TO CROSS OVER BUT DID NOT
4 DO IT SUCCESSFULLY. OF THOSE 50,000, WHICH NOW BECOMES 60,000
5 _____ BECAUSE OF THE ADDED ABSENTEES AND PROVISIONAL
6 BALLOTS AND THE ACCURATE COUNT, MORE IMPORTANTLY. SO THE
7 60,000 WHO ATTEMPTED TO CROSS OVER BUT DIDN'T DO IT
8 SUCCESSFULLY, OF THOSE 48,445, OR 80 PERCENT, HAVE BEEN
9 COUNTED SUCCESSFULLY AND WILL BE INTEGRATED INTO THE FINAL
10 RESULT THAT WE'RE BEING ASKED TO CERTIFY TODAY, WHICH LEAVES
11 12,000, A LITTLE OVER 12,000 VOTES OUT OF 200,000 INDEPENDENT
12 VOTERS AND OF THE 50,000 WHO WANTED TO CROSS OVER AND DIDN'T
13 DO SO SUCCESSFULLY, WHO WILL NOT BE COUNTED BUT WHO YOU WILL
14 TABULATE SO THAT THE PUBLIC HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW,
15 HOPEFULLY BEFORE THE END OF THE WEEK AT LEAST WHAT-- WHAT THEY
16 WERE TO THE BEST EXTENT POSSIBLE. BUT LEGALLY YOU WERE NOT
17 ABLE TO MAKE THE UNAMBIGUOUS DETERMINATION THAT DETERMINED
18 THEIR INTENT ON THE CANDIDATE. MADAME CHAIR, I KNOW EVERY
19 MEMBER OF THE BOARD HAS BEEN FOLLOWING THIS TO ONE EXTENT OR
20 ANOTHER, AND MAYBE BECAUSE OF MY INTEREST IN THIS AND BECAUSE
21 I'M ASSIGNED TO OVERSEE THIS DEPARTMENT, ALTHOUGH WE HARDLY
22 EVER TAKE THOSE ASSIGNMENTS SERIOUSLY, IN THIS CASE WE DID AND
23 WORKED WITH DEAN. AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I THINK YOU'VE
24 DEMONSTRATED, TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY AND GIVEN THE
25 CONSTRAINTS THAT YOU WERE WORKING UNDER, TO SALVAGE THE LION'S



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1 SHARE OF THESE VOTES. AND I THINK THAT WAS VERY IMPORTANT.
2 THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT THIS DOUBLE BUBBLE SCHEME THAT HAS
3 BEEN WITH US FOR-- SINCE 2002, RIGHT? 2002, 2, 4, 6 AND 8,
4 THIS IS THE FOURTH ELECTION CYCLE THAT WE'VE HAD IT, IS A
5 PROBLEM AND IT'S NO LONGER GOING TO BE USED. THAT WAS THE
6 FIRST THING THIS BOARD DID IS SAY, "JUNK IT. IF IT COSTS US
7 MORE, IT COSTS US MORE. LET'S DO IT ANOTHER WAY." IF IT
8 DOESN'T DEAL WITH THE ISSUES THAT MISS FENG RAISED AND
9 INKAVOTE, WE HAVE A LOT OF LONG-TERM ISSUES THAT WE'VE GOT TO
10 DEAL WITH, NO QUESTION ABOUT IT, BUT IN THE SHORT-TERM, TO GET
11 THROUGH THIS VERY IMPORTANT ELECTION IN CALIFORNIA AND THE
12 UNITED STATES, I THINK YOU'VE DEMONSTRATED A PROBLEM SOLVING
13 CAPABILITY HERE THAT I THINK OUGHT TO BE RECOGNIZED, EVEN BY
14 YOUR CRITICS. IT WON'T BE RECOGNIZED BY YOUR CRITICS. AND
15 THAT'S THEIR RIGHT. BUT I JUST WANT THE PUBLIC TO KNOW THAT
16 GIVEN THE ENVELOPE IN WHICH YOU WERE WORKING, GIVEN THE
17 CONSTRAINTS IN WHICH YOU WERE OPERATING, AND GIVEN WHAT THE
18 POTENTIAL COLLATERAL DAMAGE IN THIS WHOLE THING COULD HAVE
19 BEEN, THAT ACTUALLY YOU HAD A "WHAT IF" MOMENT, AND YOU
20 ACQUITTED YOURSELF QUITE WELL IN THIS "WHAT IF" MOMENT. I
21 FRANKLY DIDN'T THINK WE'D GET THIS FAR, BASED UPON WHAT I KNEW
22 AT THE TIME THIS WHOLE THING STARTED. BUT WE PUSHED YOU, YOU
23 PUSHED YOURSELF, AND I THINK ENOUGH SAID. SO, MADAME CHAIR,
24 THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO SAY ON THIS. OH, ONE LAST-- I DO WANT
25 TO THANK THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE. SECRETARY BOWEN AND



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1 HER STAFF BOTH BEFORE THIS WHOLE THING ERUPTED AS WE
2 APPROACHED THE ELECTION AND SINCE THIS THING HAS ERUPTED, HAS
3 ALSO BEEN IN A PROBLEM SOLVING MODE. I KNOW THAT DEAN HAS
4 DEALT WITH THEM MORE DIRECTLY THAN I HAVE. BUT I KNOW WHAT
5 THEY'VE DONE. THEY LAID OUT A ROAD MAP. WHAT YOU DID WAS
6 CONSISTENT WITH THEIR ROAD MAP. THEY CONCURRED IN THAT
7 STRATEGY. AND WITHOUT THEIR COLLABORATION, WE WOULDN'T BE
8 SITTING HERE WITH ALL THESE VOTES COUNTED. SO I WANTED TO
9 SINGLE OUT SECRETARY BOWEN FOR HER COLLABORATIVE EFFORT. I'LL
10 MOVE APPROVAL OF THE CERTIFICATION.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SECONDED BY KNABE. I'D JUST LIKE
13 TO SAY ONE THING. I THINK THAT, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, WHEN
14 YOU PUSHED THE ISSUE, AND ALSO SUGGESTIONS WERE MADE OF A
15 MECHANISM IN ORDER TO GET A BETTER COUNT, I APPRECIATE THE
16 FACT THAT YOU DID COOPERATE. THAT EVEN THOUGH WHEN YOU CAME
17 HERE, YOUR FIRST MEETING BEFORE US, YOU WERE NOT CONVINCED
18 THAT YOU COULD DO IT, I THINK THE VERY FACT THAT YOU WERE
19 RECEPTIVE TO THE SUGGESTIONS, BOTH BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY
20 AND SOME OF THE ADVOCATES, I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT. AND I
21 THINK IT GIVES THE COUNTY A GREATER CREDIBILITY BECAUSE YOU
22 WERE WILLING TO LOOK AT IT AND IT TURNED OUT CERTAINLY VERY,
23 VERY WELL, BECAUSE THERE WERE VERY FEW VOTES ULTIMATELY WHERE
24 YOU'D NOT HAVE ANY IDEA OF EXACTLY WHERE THEY WANTED TO GO. SO
25 I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THAT.



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2 **DEAN LOGAN:** THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, JUST TO ADD IN TO WHAT SUPERVISOR
5 YAROSLAVSKY INDICATED, I, TOO, WANTED TO THANK THE SECRETARY
6 OF STATE'S OFFICE. WE WORKED VERY CLOSELY WITH THEM ON THIS
7 WHOLE ISSUE IN THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION THAT DEAN DID, AS
8 WELL. AT THE END OF THE DAY, I THINK IT ENHANCED OUR
9 CREDIBILITY WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE, TOO, THAT WE WERE
10 TRYING TO DO WHAT WE COULD DO WITH WHAT WE HAD AND HOW
11 IMPORTANT IT WAS HERE.

12

13 **KATHY FENG:** MAY I MAKE ONE LAST FOOTNOTE? AT THE LAST HEARING,
14 AND THROUGHOUT THIS WHOLE PROCESS, THERE HAS BEEN AN
15 ORGANIZATION NAMED COURAGE CAMPAIGN THAT WAS LOOKING VERY
16 CLOSELY AT EVERY STEP OF THE WAY, WHAT THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE
17 WAS DOING. AND THEY WERE EXAMINING WHETHER LITIGATION WAS
18 GOING TO BE NECESSARY. AND I THINK THAT THE SOLUTION THAT HAS
19 BEEN ACHIEVED IN COUNTING 48,000 VOTES HAS CONVINCED EVEN
20 COURAGE CAMPAIGN TO SAY "YOU KNOW WHAT? IT WAS A PRETTY BIG
21 JOB AND YOU DID IT. "AND THEY'RE NOW IN THE MODE OF PULLING
22 BACK ON THE LITIGATION AND GIVING CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE.
23 I DON'T SPEAK ON BEHALF OF ALL OF THE CRITICS OR ALL OF THE
24 PEOPLE WHO WATCH ELECTIONS, BUT I CERTAINLY DO THINK THAT THIS



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1 PARTICULAR CHALLENGE WAS ONE THAT WE WERE PLEASANTLY SURPRISED
2 AT WHAT DEAN LOGAN WAS ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM 14? DO
5 YOU WANT TO CALL THAT UP?

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. I WILL CALL UP ITEM 14.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND THE SAME PEOPLE, MICHAEL JAY, KEN
10 AARON, AND DR. ALTER. IS KEN AARON HERE?

11

12 **JUDY ALTER:** HE'S ACROSS THE STREET NOW.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

15

16 **JUDY ALTER:** I'M JUDY ALTER.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE YOU KEN AARON? ALL RIGHT. COME FORWARD,
19 PLEASE. WE'RE ON ITEM 14.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE'VE BEEN TRACKING YOU ALL THE WAY DOWN
22 HERE WITH OUR G.P.S. SYSTEM.

23

24 **JUDY ALTER:** I'M CONCERNED THAT THE ACTING REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
25 IS AGAIN REQUESTING YOU, THE L.A. COUNTY SUPERVISORS, TO



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1 APPROVE MORE LONG TERM CONTRACTS WITH PRIVATE VENDORS. I THINK
2 ANY OF THESE DECISIONS SHOULD BE MADE BY A PERMANENT
3 REGISTRAR, NOT BY A TEMPORARY ONE. A FEW WEEKS AGO, YOU
4 APPROVED MORE CONTRACTS WITH A SUBSIDIARY CONTRACT OF DIEBOLD
5 TO CONTINUE TO MANAGE THE L.A. COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION.
6 ALTHOUGH COUNTY EMPLOYEES USE THE SYSTEM-- SOFTWARE SYSTEM,
7 THEY CANNOT CHANGE IT TO ADAPT TO THE SPECIFIC NEEDS OF THE
8 COUNTY OR THE LARGE CITIES IN THE COUNTY THAT MUST USE IT.
9 THAT'S BECAUSE THE SOFTWARE IS PROPRIETARY. SUPERVISOR
10 YAROSLAVSKY, BECAUSE YOUR DISTRICT TWICE DID NOT RECEIVE
11 MAILED VOTER INFORMATION, I SECURED BY MEANS OF A PUBLIC
12 RECORDS REQUEST ALL THE CONTRACTS WITH VENDORS WHO HAVE
13 ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE ABSENTEE VOTING. I DISCOVERED THAT
14 THIS COUNTY PAYS \$3,864,000 TO DIEBOLD, NOT PREMIER, TO RUN
15 EVERY PART OF THE PROCESS OF THE ABSENTEE VOTING, INCLUDING
16 PRINTING AND MAILING OUT INFORMATION. ITS WORLD MARKETING
17 DELIVERY SERVICES THAT LEFT IN THE WAREHOUSE UNDELIVERED TO
18 YOUR DISTRICT THE VOTER INFORMATION THAT YOUR DISTRICT VOTERS
19 RECEIVED VERY LATE. AFTER THAT INCIDENT IN 2006, THE ELECTION-
20 - SORRY. THE COUNTY ELECTION EMPLOYEES ACTUALLY INSTITUTED A
21 WAREHOUSE TRACKING SYSTEM FOR THESE PRIVATE VENDORS TO SEE
22 THAT THEY DO THEIR JOBS, ALTHOUGH IT'S FOR PROFIT, AT THE
23 COUNTY TAXPAYERS' EXPENSE. NOT ONLY DOES L.A. COUNTY HAVE A
24 DIEBOLD PREMIER UNDERBELLY APPROVED BY YOU, THAT WE ARE NOW
25 BEING ASKED TO APPROVE AGAIN MORE SERVICES OF PRIVATE



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1 COMPANIES TO HANDLE ELECTION-RELATED EQUIPMENT. I URGE YOU TO
2 STOP OUTSOURCING TASKS THAT VERY QUALIFIED COUNTY EMPLOYEES
3 CAN AND SHOULD BE GIVEN THE SERIOUS-- CAN DO, GIVEN THE
4 SERIOUS CRITICISM OF THE NOW RETIRED COUNTY AUDITOR THAT
5 LEVELED AT THE ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WOULD YOU
8 STATE YOUR NAME?

9

10 **MICHAEL JAY:** YES, HI. MICHAEL JAY. AGAIN, WITH THE L.A.
11 CITIZENS ELECTION PROTECTION TASKFORCE AND PROGRESSIVE
12 DEMOCRATS OF LOS ANGELES. SUPERVISOR BURKE, I WANT TO THANK
13 YOU FOR YOUR MENTION OF THE FACT THAT THE ACTIVISTS HAD A ROLE
14 IN PUSHING THE SUPERVISORS AND THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE TO DO
15 THIS, AS WELL. I GUESS I'M GOING TO CONTINUE WHERE I LEFT OFF
16 IN TALKING ABOUT A "WHAT IF" SCENARIO. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY,
17 YOU DID THANK THE REGISTRAR, THE ACTING REGISTRAR FOR BEING A
18 "WHAT IF" GUY. I JUST DON'T THINK THAT WE CAN TALK ABOUT "WHAT
19 IF" AFTER THE FACT. IT'S CLOSING THE BARN DOOR. WE NEED
20 ADVOCATES WHO ARE ALTRUISTIC, SOLELY FOR THE VOTERS, WHO ARE
21 GOING TO DO EVERYTHING IT TAKES TO SAY, "WHAT CAN GO WRONG
22 WITH THIS SITUATION?" WE'VE LEARNED, ALL OF US KNOW THAT THE
23 WORLD WORKS BY MURPHY'S LAW. IT DOES NOT WORK OTHERWISE.
24 EVERYTHING THAT CAN GO WRONG, WILL GO WRONG. AND WE NEED TO
25 MAKE SURE THAT WE DON'T HAVE A MINDSET WHERE WE ASSUME THAT



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1 BECAUSE WE ELIMINATE THE DOUBLE BUBBLE FROM THE JUNE BALLOT,
2 THAT EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE. NOW, I'M SORRY TO SAY THAT I WAS
3 DISAPPOINTED IN THE DILIGENCE DONE IN DECEMBER 11TH. WE SPOKE
4 HERE AND I USED THAT PHRASE EXACTLY THEN. WE SAID, "WE DID OUR
5 DUE DILIGENCE. WE'VE LOOKED AT THE RECORD. THE RECORD IS
6 ASTONISHING." I THINK IT'S ATROCIOUS. I THINK YOU PEOPLE HAVE
7 GONE AHEAD AND HIRED THE CAPTAIN OF THE TITANIC, THE CAPTAIN
8 OF THE EXXON VALDEZ, BROWNIE FROM F.E.M.A. I DON'T KNOW HOW
9 YOU COULD LOOK AT THAT RECORD AND TAKE THE RECOMMENDATION OF
10 THE PREVIOUS REGISTRAR WHO RECOMMENDED TO THE C.E.O., ALBEIT
11 SUPERVISOR BURKE, I'LL DO IT FOR YOU. PEOPLE, PLEASE? EXCUSE
12 ME? PEOPLE, EVERYBODY TALKING.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DO YOU KNOW WHAT? WE HAVE SOMEONE WHO
15 HANDLES THAT.

16

17 **MICHAEL JAY:** THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE THAT. YOU KNOW, I AM JUST
18 A CITIZEN. IT'S NOT EASY TO BE HERE TO TAKE THE TIME AND MONEY
19 TO BE HERE, I MEAN THAT. I DO CONSIDER MYSELF JUST A LAYMAN ON
20 THIS ISSUE. AT THAT TIME, WE SAID THAT WE DID OUR DUE
21 DILIGENCE. WE ASKED FOR A REGISTRAR WHO FIT THE CRITERIA THAT
22 WE SAID WOULD BE EXPERIENCED, WOULD BE ALTRUISTIC, WOULD HAVE
23 EXPERIENCE WITH DIFFICULT ELECTIONS IN LARGE DISTRICTS, ET
24 CETERA. WE DON'T FEEL THAT WE HAVE THAT. WE'RE NOT SURE THAT
25 THAT WAS OBSERVED BY THE SUPERVISORS. AND I ASK YOU AGAIN TO



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1 CONSIDER THAT SITUATION AND THE FACT THAT IF WE HAVE AN ACTING
2 SUPERVISOR WHO HAS A TROUBLED RECORD IN THE PAST AND HAS
3 PROVEN HERE NOW THAT GIVEN HIS FIRST SHOT, HE'S GOT A TROUBLED
4 RECORD HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, THAT AN ACTING REGISTRAR SUCH AS
5 THAT SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN AUTHORITY TO RECOMMEND OR OVERSEE
6 LONG TERM CONTRACTS. THAT JUST SEEMS LIKE COMMON SENSE TO THIS
7 CITIZEN. NO APPROVAL OF LONG TERM CONTRACTS TO PEOPLE THAT ARE
8 IN AN ACTING CAPACITY, CERTAINLY PEOPLE WHO DO NOT HAVE AN
9 EXEMPLARY RECORD. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU HAVE ANY SPECIFIC REASON THAT YOU
12 THINK WE SHOULD-- OTHER THAN THE FACT THAT THE PERSON WHO YOU
13 FIND OBJECTIONABLE RECOMMENDED IT, DO YOU, MR. JAY, HAVE ANY
14 REASON TO OFFER WHY WE SHOULD NOT APPROVE THE CONTRACT THAT'S
15 BEFORE US?

16

17 **MICHAEL JAY:** I HAVE NOT EVEN INVESTIGATED THIS COMPANY. I KNOW
18 THAT THE OTHER PEOPLE HERE HAVE AND ARE MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE
19 THAN MYSELF. I AM JUST ASTONISHED THAT ANY AUTHORITY IS GIVEN
20 TO SOMEONE WHO IS IN AN ACTING CAPACITY. BUT I WILL ANSWER ONE
21 THING ABOUT THAT. I COULD NOT BE HERE FOR THE FEBRUARY 12TH
22 HEARING, BUT I WAS ASTONISHED TO LEARN AFTER THE FACT THAT WE
23 ONCE AGAIN APPROVED A CONTRACT WITH A PARTNER OR SUBSIDIARY OF
24 DIEBOLD. I FIRST SPOKE HERE THREE YEARS AGO NEXT MONTH. AND MY



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1 FIRST WORDS WERE "I CANNOT BELIEVE THAT WE'RE EVEN CONSIDERING
2 GIVING MONEY TO DIEBOLD."

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANKS. I THINK WE FIGURED IT--

5

6 **MICHAEL JAY:** THE STORY IS THE SAME.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT SURE IS.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MR. AARON, STATE YOUR NAME.

11

12 **KENNETH AARON:** KENNETH AARON. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. ARE
13 WE TALKING TO ITEM 14? OKAY. I'M GOING TO READ A PREPARED
14 STATEMENT. I'M A COMPUTER PROGRAMMER AND SYSTEMS ANALYST WITH
15 40 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE. I FIND IT HIGHLY SUSPICIOUS THAT ONLY
16 FOUR VENDORS APPLIED AND ONLY ONE OF THE VENDORS MADE A
17 PROPOSAL FOR THIS CONTRACT. I BELIEVE THE VENDOR SELECTION
18 PROCESS WAS UNFAIR AND THAT THE FINAL CONTRACT WAS ALTERED IN
19 WAYS THAT MIGHT HAVE ENCOURAGED THE OTHER THREE POTENTIAL
20 VENDORS WHO WERE INTERESTED, MIGHT HAVE ENCOURAGED THEM TO
21 MAKE A PROPOSAL, BUT THEY MADE NONE. SO THE ONE WHO GOT IT,
22 THEY ALTERED THE CONTRACT AFTERWARDS. ACCORDING TO THE FACTS
23 AND PROVISIONS SECTION OF THE RECOMMENDATION FROM WILLIAM
24 FUJIOKA, EXPERIENCE WITH THIS VENDOR, ICON, HAS BEEN FRAUGHT
25 WITH EQUIPMENT DOWN TIME AND CONFLICTS OVER VENDOR



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1 RESPONSIBILITY. IT SEEMS RATHER EXPENSIVE TO ME TO PAY OVER
2 \$400,000 FOR THREE YEARS OF OUTSOURCED MAINTENANCE AND
3 TROUBLESHOOTING ON TWO PRINTERS AND TWO PRINT CONTROLLERS.
4 THAT AMOUNT OF MONEY IS ADEQUATE TO HIRE AND TRAIN TWO COUNTY
5 EMPLOYEES TO THE REQUIRED LEVEL OF COMPETENCE. THIS IS NOT A
6 FULL-TIME JOB, MAINTAINING THESE PRINTERS. PREVENTATIVE
7 MAINTENANCE IS MINIMAL; AND IF DONE PROPERLY, SHOULD MITIGATE
8 THE NECESSITY FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS. IT WOULD BE MORE PRUDENT
9 TO TRAIN IN-HOUSE STAFF AND USE THE RESULTANT SAVINGS TO
10 PURCHASE ANOTHER PRINTER OR SPARE PARTS, WHICH WOULD BE
11 AVAILABLE. A WHOLE OTHER PRINTER WOULD STAND THERE AS A STAND
12 BY. THE L.A. COUNTY AUDITOR SHOULD REVIEW THE PROCEDURES USED
13 TO ACQUIRE COMPETITIVE BIDS. THERE'S 60 COMPANIES AND ONLY
14 FOUR CAME TO THE MANDATORY HEARING AND ONLY ONE MADE A
15 PROPOSAL. THE OTHER THREE DIDN'T EVEN MAKE A PROPOSAL. ALSO ON
16 THE PROPOSALS FOR SERVERS, A PROPER ANALYSIS SHOULD ALWAYS BE
17 DONE TO INCLUDE IN-HOUSE SOLUTIONS RATHER THAN OUTSOURCING
18 EVERYTHING. IT WOULD SEEM TO BE A COMPULSION TO PRIVATIZE ALL
19 COUNTY FUNCTIONS, HANDING THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNTY INTO
20 CORPORATE HANDS.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ITEM 14 IS BEFORE US.

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** COULD WE HAVE A REPORT? OR THE C.E.O.?
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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD YOU RESPOND? WOULD YOU GET OVER HERE?

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3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO HEAR HIM.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S BEEN ASKED FOR. YOU COULD JUST STAY
6 THERE. BECAUSE THEY ARE SPEAKING ON THE NEXT ITEM, AS WELL.

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8 **DEAN LOGAN:** THE CONTRACT BEFORE YOU ON ITEM 14 IS A COPIER AND
9 PRINTER SUPPORT CONTRACT, MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT CONTRACT.
10 WHEN WE ORIGINALLY PURCHASED THESE PIECES OF EQUIPMENT, THEY
11 CAME WITH-- THROUGH A PURCHASE ORDER, WITH TIME AND MATERIALS
12 CONTRACT THAT EXPIRED. AND WE MOVED FORWARD WITH A COMPETITIVE
13 BID. THEY ARE VITAL PIECES OF EQUIPMENT TO OUR ONGOING
14 ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATION. THESE ARE NOT VOTING EQUIPMENT.
15 THESE ARE NOT VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEMS. THESE ARE HIGH SPEED
16 COPIER COLOR PRINTERS THAT WE USE IN THE DAY-TO-DAY
17 ADMINISTRATION OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT. WE DON'T HAVE COPY
18 MACHINE REPAIR PEOPLE ON STAFF. IT'S, I BELIEVE, COMMON
19 PRACTICE TO DO THIS. WE DID FOLLOW THE PROCUREMENT GUIDELINES.
20 WE HAD A COMPETITIVE BID. IT WAS ADVERTISED IN MULTIPLE
21 NEWSPAPERS. IT WAS ON THE COUNTY'S PROCUREMENT SITE FOR, I
22 BELIEVE, 48 DAYS. AND WE HAD A MANDATORY BIDDER'S CONTRACT.
23 AND THERE WAS ONE CONTRACT SUBMITTED. AND THEN WE NEGOTIATED A
24 CONTRACT WITH THAT COMPANY. AND THAT'S SIMPLY THE BACKGROUND
25 RELATED TO THIS ITEM.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THIS FOR COPIERS AND PRINTERS FOR THE
3 RECORDER AND REGISTRAR SIDE OF THE OPERATION?

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5 **DEAN LOGAN:** YES. IT'S FOR THE WHOLE DEPARTMENT.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? OR IS THERE A MOTION?

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MOVED.

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY
12 ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM 15. MICHAEL
13 JAY, WOULD YOU LIKE TO STATE YOUR NAME?

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15 **MICHAEL JAY:** YES. MICHAEL JAY.

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17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON ITEM 15, YOU ASKED TO SPEAK?

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19 **MICHAEL JAY:** THANK YOU. I'LL BE BRIEF. I JUST WANT TO
20 REITERATE WHAT I SAID ABOUT THE PREVIOUS ITEM. GIVEN THE
21 PREVIOUS RECORD AND THE RECENT HISTORY, I DON'T THINK THAT THE
22 ACTING REGISTRAR SHOULD HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE ANY
23 RECOMMENDATIONS. AND I WANT TO REPEAT AGAIN. I'M SORRY TO SAY
24 THAT I FEEL THAT THE SUPERVISORS DID NOT DO THEIR JOB. THEY
25 DID NOT DO ENOUGH DUE DILIGENCE IN AUTHORIZING OR SEATING THE



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1 ACTING REGISTRAR ON DECEMBER 11TH. I THINK THAT YOU HAVE
2 LOOKED TO ENRON TO DO YOUR ENERGY CONTRACTS. I THINK YOU HAVE
3 LOOKED TO ARTHUR ANDERSEN TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR ACCOUNTING. I
4 STAND BY THAT ASSESSMENT. THERE SHOULD NOT BE A RECORD AS LONG
5 AS MY ARM IN THE PAST OF TRANSGRESSIONS, SUSPICIONS, LAWSUITS,
6 DEMANDS TO RESIGN, DEMANDS FROM A U.S. SENATOR THAT THERE BE A
7 CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION. THAT IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR L.A.
8 COUNTY. I THINK THAT WHAT HAPPENED HERE THIS PAST MONTH WAS A
9 DISASTER THAT WAS PREVENTABLE. THE ACTIVISTS WARNED ABOUT IT
10 EIGHT DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION. AND WE'RE IN FOR MORE IF YOU
11 DON'T WAKE UP.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DR. ALTER?

14

15 **MICHAEL JAY:** THANK YOU.

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17 **JUDY ALTER:** I URGE YOU NOT TO APPROVE THIS CONTRACT FOR AN
18 OUTSOURCED ELECTION HELP DESK PROCESSING SYSTEM MADE BY ROBIS
19 ELECTIONS. I WONDER IF IT'S BEEN TESTED, IF IN THE PROCESS OF
20 SUGGESTING THIS, CAPABLE STAFF AND MANAGERS AT NORWALK WHO
21 SERVICE THESE PRE-ELECTION AND ELECTION DAY CALLS, IF THEY
22 HAVE BEEN ASKED TO FIND OUT FROM THEM WHAT THEY NEED, HOW THEY
23 WOULD LIKE TO HANDLE THESE CALLS IN A BETTER WAY THAN IS
24 HAPPENING NOW. AND HOW WE CAN STREAMLINE THE SYSTEM WITHOUT
25 AGAIN SPENDING ALMOST \$3 MILLION ON A PRIVATELY DEVELOPED



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1 PROPRIETARY SYSTEM. DURING THE CANVASS PERIOD, I INTERACTED
2 WITH MANY OF THE PROFESSIONAL STAFF WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING
3 THERE FOR YEARS. THEY ARE VERY KIND. THEY ARE REALLY
4 COMPETENT, AND KNOW HOW THE PROCESS WORKS AND WHERE THE
5 PROCESSES CAN BE IMPROVED. THEY CAN PROBABLY EASILY FIGURE OUT
6 A SYSTEM AND IMPLEMENT IT FOR THE JUNE PRIMARY TO SATISFY
7 LEGAL REQUIREMENTS, NOT AGAIN GIVE A PRIVATE COMPANY PROFIT TO
8 SOLVE PROBLEMS THAT THE PROFESSIONAL STAFF CAN DO AT MUCH LESS
9 COST. AGAIN, I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THE ACTING REGISTRAR SHOULD
10 REQUEST THAT YOU SUPERVISORS APPROVE A LONG TERM, SIX-YEAR
11 CONTRACT. DEAN LOGAN DIDN'T APPEAR TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE MANY
12 LAYERS OF PROCESSING AT L.A. COUNTY BALLOTS PASS THROUGH WHEN
13 HE MADE INITIALLY THE INACCURATE ASSERTIONS, NOT WHAT COULD
14 AND COULD NOT BE COUNTED, WHEN CITIZENS DEMANDED THAT HE COUNT
15 THE NONPARTISAN BALLOTS. I TOO AM VERY GRATEFUL THAT HE AGREED
16 TO DO IT. HE DIDN'T KNOW THAT THERE WAS POSSIBLE HELP FROM THE
17 PRECINCT-BASED BALLOT READERS THAT COULD HAVE BEEN ADJUSTED TO
18 HELP THE NONPARTISAN VOTER, TELL THEM THAT THEY HAD LEFT A
19 FIELD UNFILLED. THAT IS NOT AN UNDERVOTE. THAT IS AN UNFILLED
20 FIELD, LIKE A BLANK BALLOT. I'M CONCERNED AGAIN HE'S
21 REQUESTING THAT YOU APPROVE THE ELECTION HELP DESK SYSTEM
22 WITHOUT REALLY KNOWING WHAT CAN BE DONE WITHIN THE MANY
23 DEPARTMENTS IN NORWALK, BY THE MANY EXPERIENCED PROFESSIONALS
24 THERE TO PROVIDE AND IMPROVE THESE SERVICES AND NOT PRIVATIZE,
25 AUTOMATE AND FURTHER COMPUTERIZE MORE OF OUR ELECTION



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1 MECHANISMS. PLEASE REVIEW THIS REQUEST BEFORE COMMITTING MORE
2 TAXPAYER MONEY.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. KEN AARON?

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6 **KEN AARON:** HELLO, MY NAME IS KEN AARON. IS THERE ANY
7 DISCUSSION OR RESPONSE TO MS. ALTER'S COMMENTS?

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHEN YOU COMPLETE YOUR STATEMENT, THERE
10 WILL BE A RESPONSE BY THE C.E.O.

11

12 **KEN AARON:** THANK YOU. OKAY. I'M A COMPUTER PROGRAM, SYSTEMS
13 ANALYST FOR 40 YEARS. \$3 MILLION IS A LOT OF MONEY TO BUY A
14 HELP DESK PACKAGE. THIS IS JUST SOFTWARE. IT'S A \$3 MILLION
15 CONTRACT. THAT'S AN EXORBITANT AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR THAT
16 SOLUTION. A CURSORY SEARCH OF AVAILABLE SOFTWARE PACKAGES WILL
17 SHOW SIMILAR SYSTEMS CAN BE PURCHASED FOR UNDER \$10,000. AND
18 THOSE SYSTEMS ARE AWARD-WINNING SYSTEMS, AND THEY'RE MORE
19 TECHNICALLY ADVANCED AND VERSATILE THAN THE SYSTEM SELECTED.
20 \$3 MILLION FOR HELP DESK PACKAGE COULD ALSO GO TOWARDS HAVING
21 THE COUNTY WRITE ONE AND THEN THE COUNTY WOULD OWN IT. AND
22 THEN IT COULD BE USED FOR SUPPORT NOT ONLY OF VOTING BUT FOR
23 OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE REGISTRAR, TO HELP STAFF AND PUBLIC
24 GET ANSWERS TO THEIR QUESTIONS AND TO BUILD WHAT'S CALLED A
25 KNOWLEDGE BASE OF UNUSUAL SITUATIONS. IT COULD ALSO BE USED



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1 FOR OTHER COUNTY FUNCTIONS. IT COULD BE COUNTY-WIDE HELP
2 SYSTEM. IN ADDITION TO WHICH, AS FAR AS I COULD DISCERN AT
3 THIS POINT, THE SYSTEM YOU'RE SELECTING IS NOT NECESSARILY
4 WEB-ENABLED. IF YOU HAVE THE ONES I'M TALKING ABOUT FOR UNDER
5 \$10,000, THEY'RE WEB-ENABLED, AND PEOPLE AT THE PRECINCTS
6 COULD ACCESS THEM TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM VOTERS OR TO BE
7 GIVEN ALERTS AS PROBLEMS COME UP. ALSO, I DON'T BELIEVE
8 THEY'RE INDEPENDENT. THIS IS A NETWORK-BASED SYSTEM. IF THE
9 SYSTEM GOES DOWN, PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE SITTING ON THEIR
10 WORKSTATIONS AND ALL THEY'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO RESPOND IS
11 "SORRY, THE NETWORK'S DOWN." THE SYSTEM SHOULD BE REDUNDANT
12 AND OPERATE ON WORK STATIONS AND IT SHOULD OPERATE OVER THE
13 INTERNET. THE VENDOR SELECTED, WHICH IS CALLED ROBIS
14 ELECTIONS, THEY ALSO SELL ELECTION SYSTEMS. AND I HAVE A
15 SUSPICION THAT I CAN'T VERIFY, THAT THIS IS POSSIBLY A MOVE TO
16 ESTABLISH A RELATIONSHIP WITH ROBIS SO THAT THEY MIGHT IN THE
17 FUTURE ACQUIRE A CONTRACT FOR ELECTION MANAGEMENT PACKAGE. THE
18 ENTIRE BIDDING PROCESS FOR THIS HELP DESK SOLUTION SHOULD BE
19 REVIEWED BY THE L.A. COUNTY AUDITOR. LIKEWISE, THE L.A. COUNTY
20 AUDITOR SHOULD REVIEW THE RECENT ACQUISITION BY THE COUNTY OF
21 THE DIEBOLD VOTE BY MAIL SYSTEM, THE DIEBOLD VOTER
22 REGISTRATION SYSTEM, WHICH IS ALSO IN THE \$3 MILLION RANGE.
23 DIEBOLD IS GOING OUT OF BUSINESS BECAUSE OF THE FAILURE OF ITS
24 EQUIPMENT AND LACK OF INTEGRITY OF ITS SOLUTIONS. ANYTHING OF
25 THIS MAGNITUDE, AS MICHAEL STATED, ANY DECISION OF THIS



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1 MAGNITUDE SHOULD NOT BE MADE BY AN ACTING REGISTRAR,
2 ESPECIALLY WHEN THAT ACTING REGISTRAR ONLY HAS LIMITED
3 EDUCATION AND LIMITED EXPERIENCE, IN MY OPINION, LIMITED
4 EXPERIENCE, IN VOTING PROCEDURES. I WOULD BE GLAD TO PROVIDE
5 THE COUNTY WITH A COMMITTEE OF COMPUTER SCIENTISTS TO PROVIDE
6 ON THE PROPER ECONOMIC SOLUTIONS TO ALIGN WITH THE COUNTY'S
7 BUSINESS AUTOMATION FOR THE HELP DESK.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. WE DO HAVE A
10 COMMISSION THAT DOES THAT. MR. FUJIOKA?

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12 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I JUST WANT TO MAKE A COUPLE OF BRIEF
13 COMMENTS. THERE'S BEEN A LOT SAID, BUT THIS DECISION HAS BEEN
14 MADE SOLELY BY OUR ACTING REGISTRAR. THIS DECISION AND THIS
15 CONTRACT IS BEING PRESENTED TO YOU BY NOT ONLY YOUR ACTING
16 REGISTRAR BUT ALSO OUR OFFICE, AFTER A VERY THOROUGH REVIEW OF
17 THE FACTS, AND AN OVERSIGHT OF THE PROCESS TO SELECT NOT ONLY
18 THIS CONTRACTOR BUT THE CONTRACTOR ON THE PREVIOUS ITEM. I
19 ALSO NEED TO MAKE A REAL QUICK COMMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE
20 REPEATED COMMENTS REGARDING SOME INFORMATION PROVIDED BY ONE
21 OF THE PRESENTERS ON DECEMBER 11TH. IT'S BEING PRESENTED AS IF
22 THE INFORMATION THAT WAS GIVEN TO THIS BOARD IS ACCURATE, IS
23 ABSOLUTE IN ITS FINDINGS AND IS NOT WITHOUT, HOW SHOULD I SAY
24 IT-- I'LL JUST KEEP IT AS ACCURATE AND ABSOLUTE; WHEN AS WHEN
25 WE LOOKED INTO THIS AND WERE PREPARED TO PROVIDE THIS BOARD



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1 INFORMATION, THAT TO A LARGE EXTENT THE INFORMATION WAS A
2 MISREPRESENTATION OF FACTS. I THINK IT INCORRECTLY AND
3 UNFAIRLY MAKES ALLEGATIONS ABOUT MR. LOGAN'S PAST EXPERIENCE.
4 THIS GENTLEMAN HAS BEEN, I THINK, DOING A GOOD JOB AS AN
5 ACTING REGISTRAR. AND I'M JUST DISAPPOINTED THAT WE HAVE
6 SOMEONE COMING UP TO THE FRONT TABLE CONTINUING TO MAKE THESE
7 ALLEGATIONS ABOUT THIS INDIVIDUAL, ABOUT MR. LOGAN, THAT ARE
8 ABSOLUTELY UNFAIR AND IN SOME INSTANCES UNTRUE. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE A MOTION?

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DID YOU WANT TO ADD ANYTHING ON THE
13 SUBSTANCE OF THE ITEM?

14

15 **DEAN LOGAN:** SURE, SUPERVISORS. THERE MANY THINGS I'D LIKE TO
16 ADD.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S WHY I SAID SUBSTANCE OF THE ITEM.

19

20 **DEAN LOGAN:** WITH REGARD TO THIS CONTRACT, I THINK IT'S
21 IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THIS IS ANOTHER TOOL. WE'VE BEEN
22 TALKING EVERY WEEK WHEN I'VE BEEN DOWN HERE ABOUT THE TOOLS
23 THAT WOULD ASSIST US IN THE "WHAT IF" SITUATIONS AND
24 RECOGNIZING THAT WE HAVE TWO MORE FULL COUNTY STATEWIDE
25 ELECTIONS AHEAD OF US IN 2008 AND AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE WE'RE



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1 ASKING 280,000 POLL WORKERS, AT 4,379 LOCATIONS TO DO MORE AND
2 MORE WORK ON A LAYERED AND COMPLEX SYSTEM. AND WE'RE ALSO
3 TRYING TO SERVE A POPULATION OF 2.1 MILLION REGISTERED VOTERS.
4 YOUR OFFICES HAVE ALL EXPERIENCED, AS I HAVE, THE FRUSTRATION
5 WITH OUR PHONE SYSTEMS AND THE ABILITY TO GET GOOD SOLID DATA
6 AND RESPONSIVE ANSWERS TO THOSE VOTERS, TO THOSE POLL WORKERS
7 AND TO OUR STAKEHOLDERS IN AN ELECTION PROCESS. THIS SYSTEM IS
8 NOT THE BE ALL AND END ALL FOR THAT, BUT IT CERTAINLY GETS US
9 TO A POINT WHERE WE CAN DO THAT. WE HAVE A SEVEN-STORY
10 BUILDING IN NORWALK WHERE WE HAVE PHONE BANKS ON ELECTION DAY
11 ON NO FEWER OF FIVE OF THOSE FLOORS. AND IF WE GET A CALL THAT
12 A POLLING PLACE HASN'T BEEN OPENED ON TIME, AND SOMEBODY
13 ANSWERS THAT CALL ON FLOOR THREE, OUR CURRENT SYSTEM-- AND I'M
14 EMBARRASSED BY THIS, BUT OUR CURRENT SYSTEM IS, THAT'S
15 RECORDED ON A PIECE OF PAPER. AND IF SOMEBODY 30 SECONDS LATER
16 GETS A CALL ON THE FIFTH FLOOR PHONE BANK ON THAT SAME ISSUE,
17 THEY DON'T HAVE THE BENEFIT OF KNOWING THAT WE'VE ALREADY
18 RESPONDED TO THAT; WE'VE DISPATCHED THAT. IN A COUNTY THIS
19 SIZE, THIS COMPLEX, WE OWE THAT KIND OF CUSTOMER SERVICE TO
20 THE VOTERS. THAT'S WHAT THIS SYSTEM IS ABOUT. IT HAS NOTHING
21 TO DO WITH ME AS AN INDIVIDUAL ACTING REGISTRAR. IT'S
22 SOMETHING THAT ANY REGISTRAR WOULD WANT TO DO AND BE
23 RESPONSIVE TO THE VOTERS. WE ANSWERED ON THE FEBRUARY 5TH
24 ELECTION, WE HAD OVER 57,000 PHONE CALLS COME IN TO OUR
25 BUILDING. THOSE ARE JUST THE PHONE CALLS ON THE PHONE SYSTEM.



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1 IN ADDITION TO THAT, WE HAD AUTOMATED VOICE RESPONSE SYSTEMS
2 TO HELP PEOPLE GET THEIR POLLING LOCATIONS. THIS SYSTEM ALLOWS
3 FOR US TO TRACK THOSE. WE WILL KNOW THE DAY AFTER THE
4 ELECTION, WE CAN COME AND TELL YOU THE NATURE OF THE CALLS. WE
5 CAN TELL YOU HOW QUICKLY WE RESPONDED TO THOSE CALLS AND WE
6 CAN IMMEDIATELY GO INTO THE MECHANISM OF MAKING THAT BETTER
7 FOR THE NEXT ELECTION. AND THAT'S REALLY-- THIS ALSO IS FUNDED
8 THROUGH THE HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT, FEDERAL FUNDING THAT
9 CONGRESS ALLOCATED AFTER THE 2000 CLOSE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.
10 IT'S THE KIND OF IMPROVEMENT THAT THE LEADERSHIP IN
11 WASHINGTON, D.C. AND THE LEADERSHIP IN STATE LEGISLATURES ALL
12 OVER THIS COUNTRY WANTED TO HAPPEN IN THE ELECTIONS PROCESS
13 THAT JUST SIMPLY HASN'T BEEN THERE UNTIL WE FACED THESE
14 DIFFICULT ELECTIONS WHERE THERE WERE CLOSE RESULTS. SO THAT'S
15 WHAT THIS IS ABOUT. IT'S ABOUT PROVIDING BETTER, FASTER AND
16 MORE CONSISTENT SERVICE TO THE VOTERS OF L.A. COUNTY.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED
19 BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA; WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THE NEXT
20 ITEM--

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I BELIEVE THAT'S ALL I HAVE, MADAME CHAIR.

23

24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MADAME CHAIR, ON ITEM 31, SUPERVISOR
25 ANTONOVICH WOULD LIKE TO RELEASE HIS HOLD ON THIS ITEM. THE



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1 ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE THE
2 ITEM ONE WEEK TO MARCH 11TH.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH ITEM?

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6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 31?

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THAT WILL BE CONTINUED TO--

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10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MARCH 11TH.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MARCH 11TH. WITHOUT OBJECTION.

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU.

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR KNABE, YOUR
17 ADJOURNMENTS?

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I DO HAVE A MOTION FOR
20 NEXT WEEK BEFORE I DO MY ADJOURNMENTS. "THE COUNTY OFFICE OF
21 CHILDCARE ESTIMATES THAT OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS THE STATE
22 HAS MADE AVAILABLE OVER \$2.1 BILLION IN CHILDCARE FUNDING TO
23 LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THAT LOCAL CHILDCARE PROVIDERS HAVE HAD
24 TO RETURN ALMOST \$162 MILLION OF THIS FUNDING. WE NEED TO
25 RETAIN EVERY DIME OF THIS FUNDING LOCALLY TO ENSURE THAT WE



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1 ARE MEETING THE CHILDCARE NEEDS OF FAMILIES IN THE MOST
2 FLEXIBLE WAY POSSIBLE. THAT INCLUDES FOCUSING ON EXPANDING
3 FULL-DAY, FULL-YEAR CARE AND OTHER DIRE NEEDS THAT WE HAVE
4 IDENTIFIED THE STATE FUNDING CURRENTLY DOES NOT EFFECTIVELY
5 ADDRESS. ULTIMATELY I INTEND TO SEEK LEGISLATION TO BEGIN TO
6 ADDRESS THIS PROBLEM. SAN MATEO AND SAN FRANCISCO COUNTIES
7 WERE GRANTED WAIVERS TO RETAIN CHILDCARE FUNDING LOCALLY. I
8 UNDERSTAND THEY ARE GETTING POSITIVE RESULTS. I WOULD LIKE TO
9 SEE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PURSUE A SIMILAR ARRANGEMENT. IN
10 ADDITION, I BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK
11 AT THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY OF MARSHALING OUR RESOURCES AND
12 KNOWLEDGE TO BETTER STRUCTURE OUR COUNTY SERVICES AROUND THE
13 ISSUE OF CHILDCARE. IT NEEDS TO BE CONTINUALLY EMPHASIZED THAT
14 CHILDCARE IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF SERVICES OFFERED TO FAMILIES
15 WHO ARE INVOLVED IN THE COUNTY SYSTEMS OF CARE. I ALSO BELIEVE
16 THAT THE BEST WAY TO DO THIS IS TO COME UP WITH AN INTEGRATED
17 FOCUS ON THE IMPORTANCE AND NECESSITY OF CHILDCARE TO THE
18 WELL-BEING OF THE FAMILIES WE SERVE, IN ORDER TO DEVELOP A
19 TARGETED EFFORT TO REFORM STATEWIDE POLICIES FOR THE BETTER.
20 SO I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT
21 BACK WITHIN THE NEXT 60 DAYS WITH A RECOMMENDATION FOR
22 STRUCTURING CHILDCARE POLICY THAT CUTS ACROSS COUNTY
23 DEPARTMENTS AS WELL AS FIRST FIVE L.A. AND L.A.U.P. AND BRINGS
24 A MORE INTEGRATED FOCUS TO THIS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT ISSUE. I
25 FURTHER MOVE THAT WE INSTRUCT OUR LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATES IN



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1 SACRAMENTO TO EXPLORE A POSSIBLE LEGISLATIVE SOLUTIONS
2 REGARDING THE ISSUE OF RETAINING UNSPENT CHILDCARE FUNDING
3 LOCALLY, INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY OF A PILOT PROGRAM SIMILAR
4 TO THOSE CURRENTLY UNDERWAY IN SAN FRANCISCO AND SAN MATEO
5 COUNTIES." I HAVE THIS ON FOR NEXT WEEK, BUT IT IS A REPORT
6 BACK.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE FIRST PARAGRAPH IS A REPORT BACK.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** RIGHT.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE AND SECONDED BY MOLINA AS IT
13 RELATES TO THE FIRST PARAGRAPH. NO, BOTH OF THEM. SO, WITHOUT
14 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. MADAME CHAIR, I HAVE SOME ADJOURNMENTS,
17 AS WELL, PLEASE. FIRST OF ALL, MADAME CHAIR, I MOVE THAT WE
18 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CONSTANTINA DUL-DU-LAO WHO PASSED AWAY ON
19 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST. SHE IS THE GRANDMOTHER OF BRENT
20 RIVERA WHO WORKS IN OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICE, I.R.M. DIVISION. SHE
21 IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER RAQUEL, FOUR GRANDCHILDREN, SHERI,
22 ROMMEL, GILBERT AND BRENT, AND HER GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, MEGAN,
23 NOAH AND BETHANY. OUR CONDOLENCES TO BRENT AND HIS FAMILY.
24 ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN REMEMBER MEMORY OF BOYD CODDINGTON WHO
25 PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 27TH. HE WAS 63 YEARS OLD. MANY OF YOU



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1 REMEMBER HIM AS A CAR BUILDING LEGEND WHO STARRED IN THE CABLE
2 T.V. REALITY SHOW "AMERICAN HOT ROD" ON DISCOVERY CHANNEL. HE
3 BEGAN BUILDING CARS WHEN HE WAS 13. HE WAS A FOURTH DISTRICT
4 RESIDENT. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE JO, HIS FIVE SONS, BOYD
5 JR., CHRIS, GREG, ROBERT AND THOMAS.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF [ETHELWYN] JOYCE
10 DAVIS WHO PASSED AWAY FEBRUARY 6TH. SHE WAS A DEPUTY MARSHAL
11 MATRON AND RETIRED FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
12 1981. SHE WAS VERY ACTIVE MEMBER OF OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
13 IN BELLFLOWER AND THE GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CLUTCH IN DOWNEY.
14 SHE LIVED IN BELLFLOWER FOR SOME 53 YEARS AND RAISED HER
15 FAMILY. SHE ENJOYED SPENDING TIME WITH HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS
16 AND WILL BE MISSED BY MANY. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SONS
17 KENNETH AND MARK, FOUR GRANDCHILDREN, THREE GREAT
18 GRANDCHILDREN AND TWO GREAT, GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE
19 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARY GREITL, A 65-YEAR RESIDENT OF
20 LAKEWOOD. SHE WAS VERY ACTIVE IN THE ST. BERNARD'S CHAPTER OF
21 THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA AND WAS A LEGEND FOR HER
22 ACCURATE BOOK AND RECORDKEEPING. SHE WAS THE RECIPIENT OF THE
23 LAKEWOOD MEALS ON WHEELS, 25 PLUS YEAR RECOGNITION. SHE IS
24 SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN, CAROL SUE, MARY LU, DEE, JOANN,
25 JACK, JR. AND MIKE. HER SISTER ANN. 20 GRANDCHILDREN AND 28



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1 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY DOUG HILL
2 OF A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF BELLFLOWER. HE WAS BORN IN
3 WISCONSIN AND MOVED TO CALIFORNIA IN THE LATE ' 40S. HE
4 RETIRED FROM EDGINTON OIL COMPANY AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE
5 BELLFLOWER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. HE IS SURVIVED BY WIFE
6 MARTHA, DAUGHTERS JANICE AND PHYLLIS AND GRANDSONS MATTHEW AND
7 AARON AND GREAT GRANDSON BRENNAN AND HE WAS A FAMILY FRIEND,
8 AS WELL, TOO. WE ALSO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF WALTER HOTRA LONG
9 TIME LAKEWOOD RESIDENT WHO PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY IN THE
10 MIDDLE OF FEBRUARY. HE RECEIVED HIS DEGREES FROM U.S.C. AND
11 PACIFIC COAST UNIVERSITY. HE WAS A LOYAL U.S.C. FOOTBALL FAN
12 AND ENJOYED SPORTS AND TRAVELING. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS FOUR
13 CHILDREN, KATHLEEN, KAREN, ERIC AND PATRICK AND FIVE
14 GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF OLGA NOOR, A LONG
15 TIME RESIDENT OF HERMOSA BEACH, VERY ACTIVE IN HER COMMUNITY,
16 INCLUDING THE AMERICAN MARTYRS' PARISH FOR MORE THAN 50 YEARS.
17 SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER TWO CHILDREN, DENNIS AND AMY. AND
18 FINALLY THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DONALD GEORGE WOLF, LONG
19 TIME RESIDENT OF MANHATTAN BEACH. HE ATTENDED VENICE HIGH
20 SCHOOL AND WENT ON TO ATTEND THE U.S.C. AND GRADUATED. HE GREW
21 UP THE SON OF A LIFEGUARD AND CONTINUED THE TRADITION AS A
22 LIFEGUARD WITH THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA AND LATER UNDER THE
23 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. DON IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 50
24 YEARS, LOUISE AND THEIR FOUR CHILDREN, BRAD, BRIAN, JENNIFER
25 AND CHRIS AND SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** I AM NOT HOLDING ANY ITEMS.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JOINT MOTION WITH SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND
9 MYSELF TO DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING RELATIVE TO
10 THE FACT THAT "FIREFIGHTERS COMBATING THE RECENT WILDFIRES IN
11 LOS ANGELES COUNTY WERE HAMPERED BY BRUSH THAT HOMEOWNERS
12 FAILED TO CLEAR. IN SOME INSTANCES, COUNTY PERSONNEL HAD
13 ORDERED THE BRUSH TO BE CLEARED, BUT CLEARANCES WERE DELAYED
14 DUE TO PERMITTING ISSUES AMONG VARIOUS STATE AGENCIES. THE
15 CALIFORNIA ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT OUGHT NOT TO IMPEDE OUR
16 EFFORTS TO SAVE LIVES AND PROTECT PROPERTY DURING EMERGENCIES.
17 THE SPREAD OF FIRES IMPACTS NOT JUST ONE PROPERTY BUT PERHAPS
18 POTENTIALLY HUNDREDS OF PROPERTIES WHEN THE FIRE IS SPREADING
19 RAPIDLY. THE INTENT OF SENATE BILL 1618 IS TO AVOID THE SPREAD
20 OF FIRE DUE TO THE ACCUMULATION OF BRUSH, ESPECIALLY FOR BRUSH
21 THAT FIRE DEPARTMENTS WANT REMOVED, BUT STATE AGENCIES DELAY
22 BY CITING ENVIRONMENTAL REASONS. SO WE WOULD REQUEST THAT A
23 REPORT ON THIS LEGISLATION ANALYSIS BE RETURNED TO THE BOARD
24 OF SUPERVISORS IN TWO WEEKS WITH A RECOMMENDATION."

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY, WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JUST TO BE CLEAR BECAUSE THE MOTION THAT WAS
4 DISTRIBUTED IS, I THINK, AN EARLIER ITERATION THAT WAS TO
5 SUPPORT. THE MOTION WAS TO GET A REPORT BACK. I SUPPORT THAT
6 AND ANY OTHER LEGISLATION THAT MAY BE OUT THERE THAT WE DON'T
7 KNOW ABOUT ON THE SAME SUBJECT. THANK YOU, MIKE, FOR MAKING
8 THAT ADJUSTMENT.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THE FOLLOWING
11 ADJOURNMENTS. THE FIRST ONE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
12 WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY WHO PASSED AWAY THIS PAST WEEK. BILL WAS A
13 PERSONAL FRIEND AND A SUPPORTER, ROLE MODEL, AND SUPPORTED MY
14 VARIOUS CAMPAIGNS FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE. HE WAS A GREAT AMERICAN
15 WHOSE DELIBERATIONS ON LIBERTY, DEMOCRACY AND AMERICAN
16 EXPERIENCE SERVED AS A MORAL COMPASS. THE FATHER OF THE MODERN
17 CONSERVATIVE MOVEMENT, AS GEORGE WASHINGTON IS RECOGNIZED AS
18 THE FATHER OF OUR COUNTRY, HE LEAVES A LEGACY OF FIGHTING TO
19 LIBERATE THE COMMON MAN FROM THE OPPRESSIVE SHACKLES FROM AN
20 ELITIST, OVERPOWERING STATE OF GOVERNMENT. HIS INSIGHT AND
21 ELOQUENT DISSERTATIONS AND HIS MAGAZINE WHICH HE BEGAN IN THE
22 1950S, "THE NATIONAL REVIEW", AND HIS VAST WRITINGS AND HIS
23 BOOKS AND TELEVISION AND COUNTLESS EDITORIALS AND ESSAYS,
24 PROVIDED FUEL AND ENERGY TO PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD WHO
25 FOUGHT FOR LIMITED GOVERNMENT, RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND A FREE



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1 MARKET ECONOMY. HE HAD A VERY GRACIOUS STYLE, UNAPOLOGETIC
2 CHRISTIAN FAITH. HE TAUGHT THAT IN DISCUSSIONS OF VITAL
3 POLITICAL ISSUES OF THE DAY. ONE CAN DISAGREE OR AGREE,
4 WITHOUT BEING DISAGREEABLE. TODAY BILL AS WE KNOW, WE
5 ADJOURNED LAST YEAR IN MEMORY OF PAT, HIS WIFE, WHO WAS HIS
6 SOUL MATE AND QUITE INVOLVED IN ALL OF HIS ENDEAVORS, AND WE
7 SEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO HIS SON, CHRISTOPHER AND HIS BROTHER
8 JIM AND THE REST OF HIS FAMILY. HIS SON CHRISTOPHER, AS YOU
9 KNOW, IS A PROLIFIC WRITER IN THE TRADITION OF BILL AND A
10 COUPLE OF HIS BOOKS HAVE BEEN MADE INTO MOTION PICTURES, BUT A
11 BIG VOID. HE WAS 82 YEARS OF AGE. ALSO FRED STANTON FIEDLER
12 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 85. HE WAS QUITE INVOLVED WITH THE
13 BOY SCOUTS. IN 1935, HE OBTAINED THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT AND
14 HE WAS ALSO IN THE HALL OF FAME FOR HIS SERVICE AS CUB MASTER,
15 SCOUT MASTER AND COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT, MEMBER OF THE
16 NATIONAL ENGINEERING HONORS SOCIETY. WHILE EARNING A DEGREE IN
17 MEDICAL ENGINEERING IN 1943, HE JOINED THE ARMY AIR CORPS AS
18 AN AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE OFFICER AND FLIGHT ENGINEER. AFTER THE
19 SERVICE, HE THEN WENT TO OFFICERS TRAINING SCHOOL, AFTER HE
20 COMPLETED THAT AT YALE UNIVERSITY. HE MANAGED AN ENGINEERING
21 DEPARTMENT FOR UNION OIL COMPANY FOR CALIFORNIA. AND THEN HE
22 STARTED HIS OWN COMPANY, FRED FIEDLER AND ASSOCIATES, WHICH
23 STILL PRODUCES WORK FOR MAJOR OIL COMPANIES. HE IS SURVIVED BY
24 HIS WIFE OF 60 YEARS, KATRINA. AND HE WAS QUITE ACTIVE IN THE
25 SCOUTING MOVEMENT. FRANCIS BARKER, RESIDENT OF SAN MARINO,



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1 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 88. HE ALSO SERVED IN WORLD WAR II
2 AS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY. HE WAS IN THE ARMY
3 RESERVES. HE WAS A SECOND LIEUTENANT. HE WAS CAPTURED AND HE
4 SURVIVED THE BATAAN DEATH MARCH AND ALMOST FOUR YEARS OF
5 IMPRISONMENT AS A P.O.W. AFTER THE WAR HE THEN WENT TO U.S.C.
6 AND EARNED HIS DEGREE IN PETROLEUM ENGINEERING WHERE HE MET
7 HIS FUTURE WIFE. AND SPENT THE NEXT 37 YEARS WITH UNION OIL
8 COMPANY AS A CONSULTANT AFTER THAT IN THE INDUSTRY. HE IS
9 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 59 YEARS AND HIS FOUR SONS. ROBERT
10 TOWNE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 91. HE HAD MOVED TO THE SAN
11 FERNANDO VALLEY AT THE AGE OF 12. AND HE WORKED FOR THE RYAN
12 AIRCRAFT IN SAN DIEGO AND THE LOCKHEED IN BURBANK AND NEW YORK
13 DURING WORLD WAR II. THEN IN '53 HE OPENED HIS OWN OFFICE, THE
14 TOWNE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, IN BURBANK, SPECIALIZING IN MULTI-
15 FAMILY AND ENTRY-LEVEL HOUSING. HE WAS ALSO ACTIVE IN MASONIC
16 LODGE AND A SHRINER, AND A 32ND DEGREE MEMBER OF THE SHRINE.
17 AND SECOND 30-DEGREE MASON. MICHAEL LEV NOBLE FROM THE
18 ANTELOPE VALLEY. HE WAS GRADUATE OF PALMDALE'S HIGH SCHOOL
19 CLASS OF '81, SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY. AND GORDON
20 STEWART MAGNUSON, 85. HE WORKED WORKED FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS
21 ANGELES AS A CIVIL ENGINEER. THEN WORKED FOR THE PACIFIC CLAY
22 PRODUCTS AND CLAY PIPE INSTITUTE. FINISHED HIS CAREER AS A
23 PARTNER IN ENGINEERING SCIENCE WHICH WAS LATER ACQUIRED BY
24 RALPH M. PARSONS. HE CONTINUED TO WORK AS A CONSULTANT TO THE
25 SANTA ANA WATERSHED PROJECT AUTHORITY UNTIL THE AGE OF 80.



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1 HE'S A GRADUATE OF STANFORD AND SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES
2 NAVY DURING WORLD WAR II AND RECEIVED HIS MASTER'S FROM U.S.C.
3 IN CIVIL ENGINEERING. AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SONS. CHARLES
4 KEITH WHITE, LONG TIME EDUCATOR COACH FOR THE GLENDALE UNIFIED
5 SCHOOL DISTRICT, WHERE HE BEGAN TEACHING IN 1950. HE THEN
6 TAUGHT FROM CLARK JUNIOR HIGH TO HOOVER HIGH SCHOOL FOR MORE
7 THAN 20 YEARS WHERE HE WAS A BIOLOGY, LIFE SCIENCE, HEALTH
8 INSTRUCTOR AND COACHED THE BASEBALL AND FOOTBALL TEAMS. IN
9 COLLEGE, HE PLAYED FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S
10 FOOTBALL TEAM, AND LATER WENT ON TO CHIROPRACTIC COLLEGE AND
11 PRACTICE AS A AS A CHIROPRACTIC IN THE LA CRESCENTA AREA.
12 JUDGE WILLIAM MCGINLEY OF LA MIRADA PASSED AWAY. HE GRADUATED
13 U.S.C PRIOR TO BEING A JUDGE. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE DISTRICT
14 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WHERE HE ROSE TO THE LEVEL OF CHIEF TRIAL
15 DEPUTY. RONALD REAGAN APPOINTED BILL TO THE MUNICIPAL COURT,
16 AND LATER ELEVATED HIM TO THE SUPERIOR COURT. DANIEL MARVOSH,
17 WHO PASSED AWAY IN PASADENA. HE WAS A MECHANICAL ENGINEER FROM
18 THE GENERAL MOTORS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, AND IN 1941 WAS
19 SENT BY DETROIT ENGINEERING COMPANY TO BURBANK TO INTRODUCE
20 AND ESTABLISH THE GENERAL MOTORS STANDARD TOOLING METHODS AT
21 VEGA AIRCRAFT, WHICH WAS LOCKHEED, NEEDED FOR WARTIME AIRCRAFT
22 MASS PRODUCTION. THEN HE SERVED IN THE COAST GUARD. HE WAS A
23 CALIFORNIA REGISTERED MECHANICAL ENGINEER. HE OPENED A SMALL
24 BUSINESS, CONTOUR COMPANY, IN EL MONTE FOR WIND TUNNEL. AND HE
25 PATENTED MANY INVENTIONS AND WAS QUITE ACTIVE IN ST. STEPHEN'S



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1 ORTHODOX CHURCH IN ALHAMBRA. MARY ANN "SISSY" MORTELLARO,
2 KNOWN AS "SISSY," WAS QUITE ACTIVE IN THE CROATIAN COMMUNITY,
3 WITH HER CROATIAN AND ITALIAN FOODS. SHE ENJOYED GARDENING AND
4 HAD A WONDERFUL ASSORTMENT AND SHE WAS ACTIVE AT ST. ANTHONY'S
5 CROATIAN CHURCH. ANTOINETTE "TONI" MONTELEONE, WAS QUITE
6 ACTIVE IN THE LOCAL ITALIAN COMMUNITY, SERVING AS AN OFFICER
7 IN THE SONS OF ITALY AND THE CANNETO COLONY OF SAINTS. SHE IS
8 SURVIVED BY HIS THREE DAUGHTERS. WILBURN SELMAN AND VERNE
9 HINDERER WERE ACTIVE IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND WERE CLOSE
10 FRIENDS OF MY SHERY LASAGNA FORMER SENIOR DEPUTY. TWO SISTERS
11 FROM THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH OF CARONDELET, MY AUNT'S ORDER,
12 SISTER LEONE LAPORTE, A AND SISTER VERONICA JEAN FITZGERALD
13 PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 28TH. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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17 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'S ON. I'M ON. VERY GOOD. I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT
18 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF FERN BEVER, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE
19 OF 90 THIS WEEKEND. FERN WAS A RESIDENT OF LA CRESCENTA AND
20 SHE'S BELOVED MOTHER OF MY DEAR FRIEND LINDA BEVER. I WANT TO
21 EXTEND OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS TO LINDA AND HER ENTIRE
22 FAMILY. I'D ALSO LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
23 CLIVE RAE, THE BELOVED FATHER OF WALNUT RESIDENT SHELLY
24 EKEROTH, WHO WORKED FOR OUR COUNTY LIBRARY. WE ALSO WANT TO
25 EXTEND OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCE TO SHELLY AND HER ENTIRE FAMILY.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. DO YOU HAVE ANY ITEMS?

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, I DON'T HAVE ANY ITEMS. THAT'S IT.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I WOULD MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
7 GLADYS JEANETTE DENNY, FORMER L.A. COUNTY RESIDENT AND MOTHER-
8 IN-LAW OF FRED HUNGERFORD, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF LOS ANGELES
9 COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY. SHE AN PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 27TH,
10 2008 IN FRAMINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS AT THE AGE OF 85. SHE LEAVES
11 TO CHERISH HER MEMORY, HER SONS, ROGER AND PHILIP DENNY AND
12 DAUGHTER, JEANETTE HUNGERFORD. DANA MARIE WHITE, FORMER 13-
13 YEAR LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES
14 EMPLOYEE AND WIFE OF I.S.D. CONTRACT PROGRAM MONITOR, TOMMIE
15 WHITE. SHE PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 27TH, 2008. SHE LEAVES TO
16 CHERISH HER MEMORY HER HUSBAND, TOMMIE WHITE, ONE SON AND ONE
17 DAUGHTER, ALONG WITH A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND GRACE
18 HASSON. THE MOTHER OF LOU HASSON AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN AS
19 "VAVA," WHO PASSED AWAY ON HER HOME ON FEBRUARY 23RD AT THE
20 AGE OF 104 AT HER HOME. SHE LIVED FOR HER FAMILY, FRIENDS AND
21 HER BELOVED TEMPLE, B'NAI EMET. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER
22 MEMORY, HER SON LOU HASSON ALONG WITH A HOST OF FAMILY AND
23 FRIENDS. AND THEORA GROVES GRANVILLE, A LONG TIME L.A.
24 RESIDENT, WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY. SHE SPECIALIZED IN
25 FINANCE. HER BANKING EXPERIENCE INCLUDED THE FIRST BLACK OWNED



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1 AND OPERATED BANK IN CALIFORNIA, "THE BANK OF FINANCE." SHE
2 WAS THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMAN TO MANAGE A CALIFORNIA
3 STATE INHERITANCE APPRAISAL TAX OFFICE. SERVED ON THE BOARD OF
4 DIRECTORS OF CRENSHAW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, LA TIJERA BUSINESS
5 OF PROFESSIONAL WOMEN, AND BLACK WOMEN'S FORUM. SHE WAS A LONG
6 TIME MEMBER OF TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH
7 HER MEMORY A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND DR. HAROLD
8 LAPESARDE, A DISTINGUISHED VETERINARIAN WHO RECENTLY PASSED
9 AWAY. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS WIFE MARY JANE,
10 THREE DAUGHTERS, KYLE, KAREN AND KELLY, ALONG WITH A HOST OF
11 FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND DEPUTY DALE DETJEN, A RESIDENT OF
12 TEHACHAPI, WHO PASSED AWAY ON THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 29TH
13 AFTER BEING IN A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT ON HIS WAY TO WORK AT THE
14 MIRA LOMA JAIL FACILITY. HE JOINED THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT 26
15 YEARS AGO. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS WIFE AND TWO
16 CHILDREN. HE WAS IN THE PROCESS OF ADOPTING TWO FOSTER
17 CHILDREN. JAMIEL ANDRE SHAW, A 17-YEAR-OLD LOS ANGELES HIGH
18 SCHOOL FOOTBALL STAR, WHO WAS FATALLY SHOT ON SUNDAY MARCH
19 2ND, LESS THAN THREE BLOCKS FROM HIS HOME IN AN UNPROVOKED
20 ATTACK. HE WAS AN OUTSTANDING ATHLETE WHO GOT GOOD GRADES AND
21 WAS RECENTLY NAMED HIS FOOTBALL TEAM'S MOST VALUABLE PLAYER.
22 HE WAS BEING COURTED BY NUMEROUS COLLEGES FOR HIS EXCEPTIONAL
23 SKILL ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD. HIS MOTHER, ANITA SHAW, IS A
24 SERGEANT IN THE ARMY AND CURRENTLY SERVING HER SECOND TOUR OF
25 DUTY IN IRAQ. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS PARENTS,



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1 JAMIEL AND ANITA SHAW, ALONG WITH A HOST OF FAMILY AND
2 FRIENDS. AND I HAVE ONE ADDITIONAL PERSON THAT I WILL GIVE YOU
3 IN A FEW MINUTES. I WAS HOLDING ITEM 24 REALLY JUST TO MAKE A
4 COMMENT AND THEN I WOULD MOVE THAT ITEM. ONE OF THE THINGS
5 THAT-- THIS IS AN EXCELLENT THING WE'RE GETTING GRANTS, BUT
6 WHAT HAPPENS IS THAT IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THIS ONE IS JUST FOR
7 \$150,000, BUT WE HAVE OTHERS THAT ARE MILLIONS. BUT THE
8 APPLICATIONS DON'T SEEM TO BE MADE FOR SOME OF OUR SOUTH LOS
9 ANGELES FACILITIES. I JUST WONDER WHERE WHEN WE NEED SO MUCH
10 MONEY, THAT WE DON'T MAKE APPLICATIONS FOR SOME OF THESE
11 GRANTS THAT ARE AVAILABLE AND SO THAT ALL OF THE FACILITIES IN
12 LOS ANGELES COUNTY CAN RECEIVE THEM. SO I'D JUST LIKE TO MAKE
13 AN AMENDMENT TO THIS TO ASK THAT THE DEPARTMENT LET THE
14 DEPUTIES KNOW WHEN THERE ARE POSSIBLE APPLICATIONS OR R.F.P.S
15 FOR GRANTS SO THAT THERE CAN BE APPLICATIONS MADE FOR SOME OF
16 THOSE FACILITIES THAT MAYBE THERE'S NOT THE SAME EMPHASIS
17 BEING PUT ON IN SOME OF THOSE AREAS. WITH THAT, I WOULD LIKE
18 TO ADD THAT AMENDMENT THAT I'VE PASSED OUT TO YOU AND MOVE THE
19 ITEM. SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.
20 I DON'T THINK THERE ARE ANY OTHER ITEMS BEFORE US.

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22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PUBLIC COMMENT.

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24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PUBLIC COMMENT. AND I'LL ADD MY ITEM IN A
25 MINUTE. ARNOLD SACHS, NAVALINE SMITH. AND AARON BURT? AND THEN



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1 I'LL CALL CHANTEL ROLISON. PLEASE COME FORWARD. YES PLEASE
2 STATE YOUR NAME, MR. SACHS.

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4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ARNOLD SACHS. THANK YOU. I'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS
5 TIME AGAIN TO ADDRESS THE PAST MEETING THAT WAS-- M.T.A. BOARD
6 MEETING. AND ONE OF THE ITEMS I'D LIKE TO DISCUSS IS THE
7 M.T.A.'S SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLYMAN MIKE FEUER'S METRO SALES TAX
8 INCREASE. ATTACHMENT D, WHICH WAS HANDED OUT AT THE MEETING,
9 LISTS A LOT OF ITEMS THAT THE STATE SENATOR WOULD HOPE THAT
10 THE SALES TAX WOULD GO TOWARDS. AND I'D JUST LIKE TO POINT OUT
11 A FEW OF THEM. ITEM A WAS EXPOSITION BOULEVARD LIGHT RAIL
12 TRANSIT PROJECT FROM DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES TO SANTA MONICA,
13 COST \$945 MILLION. OR PARENTHESES \$925 MILLION. I'M NOT SURE
14 IF THAT'S THE COST BECAUSE WE ALREADY KNOW THAT THE COST IS
15 FROM DOWN TOWN L.A. TO CULVER CITY IS OVER \$700 MILLION. ITEM
16 D, THE METRO GOLD LINE FROM PASADENA TO IRWINDALE, LIGHT RAIL
17 TRANSITION EXTENSION, FOR \$328 MILLION, AGAIN IN PARENTHESES.
18 AS WE MENTIONED EARLIER, IT SHOULD BE THE PASADENA GOLD LINE
19 AS STATED BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE THAT PASSED THE AUDITOR
20 AUTHORIZED CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. AND PART OF IT GOES FROM
21 SIERRA MADRID STATION TO IRWINDALE. AND FINALLY, IT SAYS HERE,
22 ITEM F, METRO RED LINE EXTENSION TO FAIRFAX AVENUE. NOW, IN A
23 PREVIOUS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING, I ASKED THAT A
24 LETTER BE SENT TO THE SENATOR FEINSTEIN BECAUSE SHE MENTIONED
25 THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD APPROVED FUNDING TO CONTINUE THE RED



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1 LINE CONSTRUCTION. AND I MENTION THAT THE RED LINE
2 CONSTRUCTION, IT ACTUALLY SHOULD BE THE PURPLE LINE, BECAUSE
3 THE PURPLE LINE ENDS AT WESTERN AND WILSHIRE, WHERE THE RED
4 LINE HEADS NORTH AT WILSHIRE AND VERMONT. AND IF YOU'RE GOING
5 TO EXTEND THE SUBWAY ALONG THE WEST SIDE CORRIDOR, YOU'D WANT
6 TO EXTEND THE PURPLE LINE. NOW, THE STATE SENATOR WAS A
7 SPEAKER AT "IT'S TIME TO MOVE L.A.." AGAIN. AND I FOUND OUT AT
8 THE LAST M.T.A. BOARD MEETING IT WAS MENTIONED THAT THE M.T.A.
9 BOARD MEMBERS, SOME OF THE MEMBERS WENT TO THE STATE ASSEMBLY
10 THE PREVIOUS WEEK. WOULDN'T YOU THINK THAT SOMEBODY WOULD SAY
11 "SENATOR, IT'S NOT THE RED LINE YOU WANT TO EXTEND. IT'S THE
12 PURPLE LINE." UNLESS, OF COURSE, YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE RED
13 LINE THROUGH HOLLYWOOD. AND TO EXTEND THE RED LINE THROUGH
14 HOLLYWOOD DOWN FAIRFAX AVENUE, WHERE EXACTLY ARE YOU HEADED
15 TO? IT'S THIS KIND OF LEADERSHIP THAT MAKES THE SITUATION--
16 HIDES IT BEHIND THESE DIFFERENT NAMES THAT CAUSES THE PUBLIC
17 TO GO "WHAT ARE WE GETTING FOR OUR MONEY" THANK YOU FOR YOUR
18 TIME AND YOUR ATTENTION.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE.
21 I THINK THE FIRST PERSON I CALLED WAS NAVALINE SMITH. AND THEN
22 AARON BURKE.

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24 **NAVALINE SMITH:** HELLO. MY NAME IS NAVALINE SMITH. I TOOK THE
25 DAY OFF TO COME DOWN HERE AND TALK. AND ALL IT WOULD HAVE TOOK



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1 IS ONE PHONE CALL. ONE YEAR AGO, I CAME UP WITH AN IDEA FOR A
2 REALITY SHOW BASED ON THE HOMELESS ON SKID ROW. A MONTH AGO I
3 CONTACT MISS BOBBI GLOVER AND I INFORMED HER ABOUT THE SHOW,
4 WHICH I'M GOING TO TELL YOU GUYS ABOUT IT. AND SHE TOLD ME IT
5 WAS A TERRIFIC IDEA. AND I REQUEST FOR VOUCHERS. AND SHE SAID,
6 "SURE, WE WILL WORK WITH YOU. I'M GOING TO ASSIGN YOU TO A
7 DEPUTY." AND HER NAME WAS MISS LONG. SO FOR ABOUT A MONTH NOW
8 I'VE BEEN CALLING HER. AND SHE KEEPS TELLING ME-- FIRST OF ALL
9 SHE SAID "OH I DON'T THINK THAT WE CAN HELP YOU. I DON'T THINK
10 WE CAN DO ANYTHING FOR YOU." NOW, THE REALITY SHOW IS BASED ON
11 THE INDIVIDUALS ON SKID ROW. WHAT WE WOULD DO, THE PRODUCER
12 AND I, IT TOOK ME A YEAR. I FOUND A PRODUCER. HE AGREED TO
13 WORK WITH ME ON THE SHOW. WHAT WE WOULD DO IS GO DOWNTOWN ON
14 SKID ROW, HAVE BETWEEN FIVE OR TEN, 15 PARTICIPANTS TO COME TO
15 A HOUSE AND LIVE IN A HOUSE, GET THEM READY FOR THE MAINSTREAM
16 IN LIFE. AND ONCE THEY'RE ALL CLEANED UP, ONCE THEY GO THROUGH
17 THE NURSES AND THE DOCTORS, THEN WE WILL LET THEM GO OUT, FIND
18 A JOB, AFTER THEY GET THEIR JOB, THEN, YOU KNOW, WE'LL PUT
19 THEM UP IN AN APARTMENT. THAT'S WHEN THE COUNTY STEPS IN, TO
20 GIVE THEM A VOUCHER. I'VE BEEN WORKING REALLY HARD ON THIS.
21 AND TO DEAL WITH SOMEBODY THAT'S NEGATIVE, EVERYBODY NEEDS TO
22 WORK TOGETHER ON THE HOMELESS ON SKID ROW. AND DOING MY
23 RESEARCH, I FOUND OUT THAT, YOU KNOW, NOT ONLY COULD THEY GIVE
24 VOUCHERS, BUT THERE'S MONEY SET ASIDE FOR THE HOMELESS. AND
25 WE'RE ALL ONE PAYCHECK AWAY. AND I JUST WANT TO MAKE THIS



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1 HAPPEN. YOU KNOW, THE ONLY THING DIFFERENT ABOUT THE REALITY
2 SHOW AND THE SHELTER IS THAT IT'S GOING TO BE AIRED ON T.V.
3 THAT'S THE ONLY THING DIFFERENT. AND I JUST NEED SOMEBODY TO
4 MEET ME HALFWAY AND TO WORK WITH ME. BECAUSE MISS LONG
5 APPARENTLY, YOU KNOW, SHE HASN'T CALLED ME BACK. AND SHE
6 ASSURED ME THAT LAST THURSDAY THAT SHE WOULD GET ME A CALL
7 BACK, WHEN I CALLED AGAIN, "WHAT'S YOUR NAME?" "NAVALINE
8 SMITH?" "HOLD ON. SHE'S NOT AVAILABLE." SO WHAT DO I DO? I
9 COME DOWN HERE.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, I THINK THAT YOU WANT SOMEONE TO
12 COOPERATE WITH YOU IN TERMS OF GETTING YOU TO THE HOMELESS
13 SHELTERS?

14

15 **NAVALINE SMITH:** NO.

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17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU WANT SOMEONE TO HELP PRODUCE THE SHOW?

18

19 **NAVALINE SMITH:** NO. I HAVE THE PRODUCER. WHAT I NEED IS FUNDS.
20 I NEED VOUCHERS. SEE, ONCE THE HOMELESS ARE-- OKAY. WHY CAN'T
21 I GET VOUCHERS?

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23 **SUP. MOLINA:** BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT QUALIFIED. WHY DO YOU THINK?

24

25 **NAVALINE SMITH:** NO. NOT ME.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND, BUT WHY WOULD WE GIVE THEM TO YOU?

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4 **NAVALINE SMITH:** YOU DON'T HAVE TO GIVE THEM TO ME.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** THERE'S A WHOLE PROCESS.

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8 **NAVALINE SMITH:** I KNOW THE PROCESS. YOU WOULDN'T GIVE THEM TO
9 ME. YOU WOULD GIVE THEM TO THE PEOPLE ON SKID ROW.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE DO NOW.

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13 **NAVALINE SMITH:** NO. BUT YOUR YOU'RE NOT UNDERSTANDING ME.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, I DO.

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17 **NAVALINE SMITH:** I DON'T WANT THEM, THE PEOPLE ON SKID ROW,
18 ONCE THEY'RE IN THE HOUSE.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND, BUT THERE IS A PROCESS FOR PEOPLE
21 TO QUALIFY FOR A VOUCHER.

22

23 **NAVALINE SMITH:** YEAH, THEY GO AND STAY IN THE SHELTER FOR ONE
24 MONTH. AND THAT'S WHAT I'M PROVIDING. SEE, THESE PEOPLE WILL
25 GO AND STAY IN A HOUSE. AND YOU GUYS ARE PUTTING THEM RIGHT



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1 NOW, YOU GUYS HAVE DIFFERENT PROGRAMS. AND YOU GUYS ARE
2 PUTTING THEM--

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHERE IS THE HOUSE LOCATED?

5

6 **NAVALINE SMITH:** I HAVEN'T EVEN GOT THAT FAR YET.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I TELL YOU. WHEN YOU GET YOUR HOUSE, GET IN
9 TOUCH WITH US.

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11 **NAVALINE SMITH:** OKAY. AND THEN YOU GUYS WILL WORK WITH ME?

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13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE A PROGRAM THAT CAN WORK WITH YOU.

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15 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S RIGHT. I THINK YOU'RE MISUNDERSTANDING HOW
16 TO OPERATE. I THINK YOU NEED TO DO A LITTLE BIT MORE RESEARCH.

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18 **NAVALINE SMITH:** NO, I HAVE DONE MY RESEARCH. I USED TO WORK
19 FOR GLORIA DAVIS.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T KNOW WHO SHE IS. BUT LET ME TELL YOU THAT
22 IF YOU HAVE HOUSING AVAILABLE THAT WILL ACCEPT A VOUCHER, ALL
23 YOU HAVE TO DO IS LET US KNOW.

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1 **NAVALINE SMITH:** NO, THEY'RE GOING TO STAY IN A HOUSE TO GET
2 READY.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** MA'AM. BUT WE'RE NOT INTO PRODUCING OR
5 TELEVISION.

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7 **NAVALINE SMITH:** I'M NOT SAYING THAT YOU GUYS ARE INTO
8 PRODUCING.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING AVAILABLE FOR YOU AT THIS
11 TIME. IF YOU WANT TO INFORM US EVENTUALLY THAT YOU HAVE
12 HOUSING AVAILABLE, WE CAN MAKE PEOPLE WHO HAVE VOUCHERS
13 AVAILABLE TO YOU.

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15 **NAVALINE SMITH:** THAT'S ALL YOU GUYS-- ALL IT TOOK WAS ONE
16 PHONE CALL FOR SOMEONE TO RETURN MY CALL TO WORK WITH ME,
17 THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING.

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'LL HAVE HER CALL YOU AND EXPLAIN TO YOU
20 EXACTLY WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO.

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22 **NAVALINE SMITH:** BUT ARE YOU GUYS SAYING THAT ONCE WE GET THE
23 HOUSE, YOU'LL WORK WITH ME?

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN BY WORK WITH
2 YOU. <OVERLAPPING CONVERSATION> WE HAVE PROGRAMS THAT HANDLE
3 IT. AND ONCE YOU HAVE A HOUSE, WE WILL REFER YOU TO THOSE
4 PROGRAMS THAT HANDLE IT. THAT'S IT.

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6 **NAVALINE SMITH:** YES. I UNDERSTAND THAT. ALL RIGHT, OKAY, THANK
7 YOU.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. PLEASE STATE YOUR
10 NAME.

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12 **AARON BURT:** AARON BURT. I'M COMING TO YOU FOR ASSISTANCE WITH
13 THE LOS ANGELES HOUSING DEPARTMENT. I SENT TO ALL THE
14 SUPERVISORS PACKETS WITH REGARDS TO WHAT I CALL LOS ANGELES
15 HOUSING CONSTRUCTION DESTRUCTION, WHICH CASE I HAD A LOAN
16 THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM. I HAD PROBLEMS
17 DURING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF MY HOME IN 2005, WHICH I BROUGHT
18 TO THE ATTENTION OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT. NOTHING WAS EVER
19 DONE.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHERE ARE YOU LOCATED?

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23 **AARON BURT:** TENTH DISTRICT ON LUCERNE. 2356 LUCERNE AVENUE.

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25 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES.



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2 **AARON BURT:** YES.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU KNOW WE HAVE NO JURISDICTION OVER IT.

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6 **AARON BURT:** NO, I DIDN'T.

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8 **SUP. MOLINA:** BECAUSE THIS IS THE COUNTY. AND THE ONLY HOUSING
9 PROGRAMS WE HAVE ARE IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS. THE CITY OF LOS
10 ANGELES HAS THEIR OWN HOUSING PROGRAMS. AND SO WE HAVE NO
11 JURISDICTION OVER THEIR HOUSING PROGRAMS.

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13 **AARON BURT:** I UNDERSTAND. WHAT I WAS TOLD, HAVING CONTACTED
14 THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, WHICH WAS TO CONTACT MY
15 COUNCILPERSON AND MY MAYOR.

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17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S WHO YOU SHOULD CONTACT.

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19 **AARON BURT:** I'VE DONE BOTH. NEITHER HAVE RESPONDED. I THEN
20 CONTACTED THEM ONCE AGAIN. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, THEY
21 SUGGESTED THAT I TALK TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. SO
22 HERE I AM.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE SOMEONE OVER HERE WILL GIVE YOU THE
2 NUMBER FOR THE CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY. IT'S A CITY HOUSING
3 ISSUE, RIGHT?

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5 **AARON BURT:** IT'S A HOUSING DEPARTMENT, YES. BUT THEY REFUSED
6 TO DO ANYTHING, AS WELL. BECAUSE I'VE TRIED AS HARD--

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE ARE UNABLE TO DO ANYTHING IF THEY DON'T
9 DO IT, UNFORTUNATELY. WE ONLY HANDLE THE COUNTY.

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11 **AARON BURT:** THANK YOU.

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13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. YES, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

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15 **CHANTEL ROLISON:** I'M CHANTEL ROLISON. I HAVE REASONS TO
16 BELIEVE THAT MY CHILDREN, SOMEONE WAS TRYING TO ILLEGALLY
17 ADOPT THEM. AND I'M HERE BECAUSE I HAVE PROOF OF MY UNCLE,
18 WHICH IS MY MOTHER'S BROTHER, AND MY BABY'S FATHER, WHICH IS
19 LONNIE'S FATHER, IF YOU WOULD CARE TO LOOK AT THESE PICTURES,
20 THAT IT WAS ALL SET UP. AND I BELIEVE THAT MY CASE FOR MY
21 CHILDREN SHOULD BE DROPPED. AND THEY SHOULD COME HOME. I'VE
22 BEEN REHABILITATED THROUGH ALL OF THIS. THIS STARTED WAY BACK
23 15 YEARS AGO. IT'S BEEN GOING ON FOR EIGHT YEARS AND MY KIDS
24 HAVE BEEN IN THE SYSTEM GOING ON FOR THIS OCTOBER. I'VE BEEN
25 TOLD I HAVE CANCER. I'M PRE-SPECIAL. I'M PRE-RETARDED. THEY



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1 HAVE SAID EVERYTHING. THE BOTTOM LINE IS I'M NOT AN UNFIT
2 PARENT. AND WITH THESE PEOPLE PLAYING GAMES WITH MY LIFE AS
3 WELL AS MY KIDS, MY KIDS ARE THE ONES THAT ARE HURTING THE
4 MOST. THIS LADY IS 20-- WELL SHE'S LIKE 15 YEARS YOUNGER THAN
5 ME, THE FOSTER MOTHER, LATASHA LEE. AND I'VE BEEN CALLING HER
6 EVER SINCE CHRISTMAS. AND I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO TALK TO MY
7 CHILDREN.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THERE'S SOMEONE OVER HERE FROM
10 CHILDREN'S SERVICES, THEY'LL TALK TO YOU.

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12 **CHANTEL ROLISON:** THANK YOU. AND GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR
13 RETIREMENT.

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
18 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
19 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO. CS-1, CONFERENCE
20 WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION, AND ITEM
21 NUMBER CS-2, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING
22 SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, ONE CASE, AND INITIATION
23 OF LITIGATION, ONE CASE, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA.
24 THANK YOU.

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